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THE NSL WINNERS!



BY KEITH GILMOUR

HAIL THE CHIEF! And on this auspicious occasion it is Frank Farina, the first ever West End National Soccer League Players' Player of the Year. And to that is added his other magnificent achievement of being the league's top goalscorer for 1987.

What an honour for a striker who is a confirmed Winfield Soccerroo and is only nine weeks past his 23rd birthday.

The decision to put the selection of the Players' Player of the Year on a pedestal was a splendid one.

In addition it is fitting indeed to have the presentation coming from the hands of Prime Minister Bob Hawke, who is no stranger to the major sporting events of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Sydney's Sheraton-Wentworth Hotel glowed to the big occasion.

Farina, of Italian extraction, has moved around Australia and Papua New Guinea to ultimately qualify as an outstanding representative of the Green and Gold.

His career began in North Queensland, quickly moving to Canberra City and on to Sydney City and now to Marconi.

The transfer fee to Marconi of \$32,000 was a huge one, but out Sydney's Bossley Park and

Fairfield way they thank their lucky stars that they were able to snare him.

His 16 glorious goals for the season were well spread, but it took until the last round for him to score a hat-trick and finally end the league two goals ahead of arch-rival Rod Brown of Apia-Leichhardt.

So far as the Farina ability is concerned, he has added a new dimension in steadiness of finishing to his repertoire.

His speed and ability to turn up in the right place at the right time was already a legend.

Triumphant

This year Paul Trimboli

ll of Sunshine George Cross confirmed the high rating placed upon him by the then South Division in 1986.

As Under 21 Player of the Year he joins such illustrious names as John Kosmina, Eddie Krncevic, Jimmy Patikas and many others.

Trimboli has represented Aust in World finals in China at U16 level and recently at youth level in Chile.

All will join to wish him great things as he is potentially a magnificent striker or attacking midfielder.

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UNTIL 1988 . . .

FOR 1987 ASW set out to bring you the latest news and best features available from our many journalists and correspondents across the nation.

We endeavoured to live up to our name and present Australian Soccer without fear or favour.

The game was examined from its highest and best, and where necessary warts and all.

Such features as the Bicentennial Year Gold Cup, Olympic Games, the West End National League and the State Leagues will, we trust, turn out trumps in 1988.

To bring you the best, brightest and biggest cover in 1988 we are planning to have our first issue on the newsstands and at newsagents on Wednesday January 20.

Your vital support for ASW is reflected in our burgeoning national sales. Thank you for your keen interest for both now and in the future.

In addition, this year we will have the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER ANNUAL available to you, reviewing the year and taking a peek into the future.

This being our last issue of ASW for 1987, may we wish you and your families a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

THE NSL WINNERS

Pictured on ASW's final edition front page for 1987 are the successful National League award winners . . . From top left, clockwise: Marconi's Frank Farina (Player of the Year), Sunshine's Paul Trimboli (U/21 of Year), Olympic's Eddie Thomson (Wedgwood Achievement Award), Apia's Rale Rasic (Coach of Year) and inset Don Campbell (Referee of the Year).

WHEN it comes to summing up the long drawn out 1987 season, the outstanding feature has been a general improvement in the standard of play handed to the public.

It is a step along the way that fans of West End National Soccer League clubs have appreciated, but it must be emphasised that it is only a step.

Many administrators would have been looking for at least another 50% on the actual crowd figures that were achieved.

Whilst Sydney Croatia and to some degree Sydney Olympic in Sydney achieved crowds which could be held to be acceptable, there were limitations.

Adelaide did reasonably but some Melbourne clubs and particularly South Melbourne Hellas lacked expected support.

How the NSL approved some of the grounds that were used in 1987 is difficult to comprehend.

Fortunately better standards for grounds are to be laid down for 1988, but whether some latitude is given remains to be seen.

The league should not go beyond 14 teams if the principles so recently laid down are adhered to, but there is a messy case outstanding in the Heidelberg - Scott Fraser matter.

It was the Melbourne clubs who set the one competition league on the road for 1987 as their possible saving grace.

By deciding to continue in 1988 they have voted in that fashion, but the NSL has had to do a lot of shoring up over recent months.

Presumably there will be one less Melbourne team in the league next year.

Fortunately for the future of Australian Soccer there will be representation from Brisbane and Wollongong, with Canberra and Newcastle and perhaps Perth still sadly missing.

It would hardly be held, after the non-rush of State League clubs to join the NSL, that there are more than a handful of State League clubs from NSW, Victoria and Queensland who would or could wish to join the league in the future.

Those who might have ambitions would be limited to Canberra, Blacktown, Melita Eagles, Adelaide Hellas, Azzurri Brisbane City and possibly Newcastle down the track.

Sometime administrators will learn that there is more to be said for planned membership than promotion and relegation on the Australian scene.

Overseas models are used and no weight is given to successful Australian models in Australian rules, rugby league, basketball and soon no doubt baseball.

In Australia there is a case for the future of State Leagues. The limited success of the NSL over 11 years and three sponsors is there for all to see.

However they must be moulded into smaller, high quality competitions with good grounds.

So far as the NSL is concerned, attention has been drawn to having commissioners appointed to control the competition.

This has distinct merit, however the split control between the Australian Soccer Federation and the National Soccer League will certainly negate any forward move.

So far as the national team is concerned, there is talent there to push towards an Olympic Games place.

On the other hand there is little indication of availability of players who can match those who are not currently available.

After a splurge of "Johnston for Australia" publicity midway in the year, Craig Johnston is in the England squad.

Jim Patikis and David Mitchell won't get releases from their clubs, Tony Dorico isn't interested, and it will be a matter of where Eddie Krncevic stands when he recovers his health.

For a curious reason Chris Kalantzis has signed a long term contract in Greece.

No doubt our current players will raise the banner high, and this is also vital for the success of the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

Our overseas stars are required for that event and Maradona or no Maradona, the ASF needs a successful promotional arm to work on the project.

The ASF or the NSL should be looking to the promotion of local players to top ranks where this is not now being done.

Ractically this year has seen too much defensive Soccer.

Or, stated more accurately, the tendency is to pack the midfield. This amounts to the same thing.

It is no use FIFA crying out that other sports are challenging.

There are many things they should be doing to free up the game. By extending the offside areas they could create more space.

And, if the International Board can't find ways to enable a goal to be scored on average every 10 minutes they should resign en masse on the spot.

MAXWELL WAS INNOCENT!

THE Steve Maxwell send-off case still rankles me, even though it happened a few weeks back.

Remember how Steve was wrongly dismissed on a linesman's report, and how Tommy McCulloch had come forward to admit that it was he who had given opposing goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse that push.

The NSL executive set aside the disciplinary commission decision which exonerated Maxwell, making him unavailable for the following match.

The whole thing smacks of inconsistency to me. Cards should be put on the table.

It should have been good enough to accept McCulloch's word and the right person could have been punished.

Steve had taken the step this year to leave Adelaide for Sydney to prove his ability.

It was a brave move and he could have well done without this incident and its unfortunate aftermath.

A somewhat similar case occurred in the 1974 World Cup when Ray Richards received a second yellow card in the one match.

He wasn't sent off. Ten minutes later a linesman realised what had happened and spoke to the referee.

The referee realised that a human error had taken place and off Ray went.

In Maxwell's case I have heard a strong rumour that the send-off was quietly removed from his record.

That action would not be to the executive's credit. They should surely have let the Disciplinary Committee perform the task it was appointed to do.

Young Socceroos

Our Young Socceroo team has always been knocking at the door of World Youth Cup final honours.

The 1987 tournament in Chile has however proved a watershed because it proved that no longer will physical strength and willpower carry us ahead.

Coach Les Scheinflug has come to the fore, saying that we must reassess our position and change direction.

He has asked that Australia prepares in future against European and South American opponents, so that our players can learn the beautiful skills of the game.

Look at this World Youth Cup. West Germany was

coached by brilliant ex-international. Berti Voights, and winners Yugoslavia by the great Fazlagic.

The players were experienced in the Bundesliga and the Yugoslav First Division.

Of the Australians only Paul Trimboli was a NSL regular, Abbas Saad, John Markovski and John Anastasiadis all had limited experience.

On top of that Australia's NSL cannot be compared with the others, whose young players can be worth up to \$2 million.

We have seen good teams from countries such as Israel, Iraq, Korea, and also Iran before the war scene took over.

Unfortunately for Australia's progress Oceania is a waste of time, and the sooner we can change direction the better.

To succeed we must follow the direction that Scheinflug has suggested.

Green and Gold

Craig Moffatt broke into St George's first team. He won a place in Australia's Youth squad but wasn't given a game in Chile.

With Robbie Dunn's injury he has been men-

tioned by Frank Arok as the replacement for the Olympic Games team of Taiwan.

With all respect to the lad it would be hard to be serious over the selection.

There are players around like Arno Bertogna and Steve O'Connor and the affair must be a slap in the face to Les Scheinflug and could lead to a big rift.

Scott Ollerenshaw is at the stage of deserving consideration, but Craig Moffatt's case is a throw-back to the Rudi Gutendorf era.

Rudi fielded more 'international' players than the rest of Asia put together.



Rale Rasic

Sentiment should not apply when a national team jersey is at stake.

People will be in a state of shock over this selection. To me it relates more to a shopping trip than anything else.

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JAPAN BECKONS FOR FANS

JAPAN AIRLINES has packaged a seven day tour to Japan for Soccer fans to see the Toyota Cup Final at the 80,000 capacity Olympic Stadium.

This year's Final will be between Porto, champions of Europe and South American Cup champions, Penarol.

But you must hurry as seats for this special are limited.

Tour leader is SBS-TV's informative and polished Les Murray.

For just \$1,590 fans can visit Japan, see the Cup Final, go on sightseeing tours, do their Christmas shopping in one of the world's most exciting cities, Tokyo and arrive back in Australia by December 17th.

The tour includes return air-tickets, plus first class accommodation in Tokyo's Hotel Metropolitan and breakfast. A real bargain!

The Toyota Cup determines which club will have world supremacy.

Porto won the European Cup last May beating Germany's Bayern Munich 2-1.

Porto is studded with Brazilian players such as the black centre-back, Celso, plus ace Algerian striker, Rabah Madjer who has just been signed by Bayern.

In goals, Porto has the powerful Polish World Cup gloveman, Mlynarczyk and they are coached by top Yugoslav Tomislav formerly from Hajduk Split.

In the history of the Toyota Cup, South American clubs have swamped their European counterparts, amongst them being the mighty Liverpool of England.

Penarol, Uruguay's

giant team, had to play no less than three matches before pushing aside Colombia's America de Cali.

America de Cali won the first leg 2-0 in Colombia but Penarol, despite trailing 0-1 from a Roberto Cabanas goal, grabbed the second leg 2-1 at home.

Thus the duel went into a third leg tie-breaker played in neutral Santiago in Chile only last week.

As shown by SBS-TV last Saturday afternoon, Penarol scored in the final minute of extra time through Diego Aguirre to grab the airline tickets for Japan.

Go and see the Cup, do your shopping, visit the colourful exciting Shinjuku centre, the heart of night life in Tokyo, stay at the six months old super Hotel Metropolitan, ride the Bullet train and see To-

kyo's breathtaking Disneyland.

Visit the Tower of Tokyo, the Emperor's Palace, see a flower arranging ceremony, witness how cultured pearls are made, visit the Ginza the fashion and financial centre of the world on this spectacular enjoyable tour now offered by Japan Airlines.

This is a fabulous Soccer-holiday at the economical price of \$1,590.

The tour departs Sydney, December 10th.

For further details see advertisement appearing on page 7.

JOHN ECONOMOS



SOCCER journalist David Jack may be considered a retiring type, but he and Apia-Leichhardt coach Rale Rasic are not shy when linking up with the great and famous. This picture from some years back was taken with none other than the great Pele.

IT has been a hectic yet long season, with the usual lot of ups and downs, agony and ecstasy... now with the end in sight ASW's FRANK COLETTA has put together a complete review of the 1987 Australian Soccer scene...

FEBRUARY (ASW kick's off)

● Australian Soccer Weekly returns to the fold on February 3rd, much to the joy of Soccer's all and sundry!

AUSTRALIA's Youth side grab a spot in Chile by winning the Oceania/Israel group in New Zealand

MARCONI excite everyone with their early form in the NSW State Bank Cup. Their play based on quick interchange football, a treat to watch. New staff members include Frank Farina and Gerry Gomez, both from Sydney City, and Adelaide City's Steve Maxwell

APIA prove the big-movers in the transfer market as they sign Gary Ward, the one-time Preston Makedonia forward, who joins earlier acquisitions such as Charlie Yankos, Terry Greedy, Burin Zajmi, Rod Brown, Hilton Phillips and Peter Tredinnick

SOON to be crowned Yugoslav First Division champions — FK Vardar tour Australia in a highly successful venture, set up by Marconi. The Fairfield club met Vardar in front of 12,000 people at Bossley Park and were unlucky in a 2-0 defeat. Fellow NSL members — Sydney Olympic, Footscray and Preston try their luck, the Olympic game drawn 0-0 amid much drama, another crowd of over 12,000 attended

NSW State League side Wollongong Wolves start sounding out the warnings, as they look at their prospects for the 1988 National League. SYDNEY Croatia's Manis Lamond returns from a two-month with Brazilian club Flamengo FC of Rio de Janeiro, saying "it was great"

JUAN CUTILLAS signs as Azzurri Brisbane City coach in Queensland

NNSW lad David Moore heads for two weeks with England's Liverpool and Aston Villa

FIFA rule Socceroo Oscar Crino belongs to Cypriot club, Anorthosis and cannot play in Australia, unless cleared by them

LIVERPOOL's Craig Johnston announces he is keen to represent Australia

MARCONI's warhorse, Mark Jankovics announces his boots are no longer available for goalscoring as he retires after conjecture as to whether he'd move to State League club Blacktown City

ANDREW ZINNI gives a portent of things to come with a dazzling display for Brunswick Juventus against Preston in the Victorian Buffalo Cup

ASW's Mike Johnson publishes another book — this one titled 'Soccer Skills'

WELL known referee PETER RAMPLEY calls it a day

MARCH (Everyone catches Summer fever)

● SUMMER Soccer becomes the latest murmur

DOUBTS surface as to whether Craig Johnston will ever play for Australia

APIA's announces Italian international Francesco Graziani will be appearing as a guest player for the club... whilst Bruno Conti will not be turning out for the Leichhardt club or for that matter Marconi

SYDNEY Croatia beat neighbours Marconi in the State Bank Cup final whilst in Victoria it's Melbourne Croatia doing the same to South Melbourne

NATIONAL Coaching Director Eric Worthington fires a television broadside in the direction of Frank Arok, claiming among other things "his English is so bad that he has communication problems"

SYDNEY Croatia wipe the floor 6-1 with their Melbourne counterparts in the opening round of the NSL and avenge the previous week's loss in the Ansett Challenge Shield

APRIL (The Slickers' slide)

● THE shock of the season as Sydney City are pulled out of the National League after the first round, due to withdrawal of support by their parent, the Hakoah club

HEIDELBERG find themselves in the woods over playing Scott Fraser in the 3-0 win over Footscray. JUST claimed Fraser's inclusion meant the Bergers had one visa player too many

FOLLOWING Sydney City's demise and that of Sydney Olympic coach Milan Lukic, enter stage right Eddie Thomson, the hottest tip around for the Olympic job

FORMER Heidelberg striker Doug Brown signs for Victorian State League club Fawkner for \$8000

WESTERN Australia Soccer bosses reject a \$5 million offer from the state government towards the cost of a top class stadium

MELBOURNE Croatia have mixed fortunes with their two Scottish imports. Ian Wallace is delighting the club with his performances whilst compatriot Willie Herd is struggling with injury troubles

1987 SEASON

FOOTSCRAY SPECIAL LIFT-OUT (Completing 1000 pages)

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WOLVES' TRAGEDY

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IN REVIEW

MAY (Johnson — no go)

● IT is discovered that Craig Johnston is ineligible to play for Australia, and he seemed to indicate that he really did not want to in any case

THE Victorian Soccer Federation announced that English first division champions Everton will be touring the state, including a game against the Soccerroos

SYDNEY Croatia notch up their fifth straight win in the NSL to head the table

ASW and Johnny Warren reveal the story behind the AIS affair, where the former Socceroo skipper was beaten out of the job at the Institute by Ron Smith

SYDNEY Croatia drop their first point of the season at Footscray amid the season's first dose of crowd violence

THE ABC picks up coverage of the National League

APIA bound away from the field at the top as Francesco Graziani arrives in Australia as the news surfaces that he won't be playing for the club due to a knee injury he had incurred early in the Italian season with his Udinese

FRANK Arok drops a bombshell as he announces the Australian squad to meet Everton and to take part in the President's Cup in South Korea, Sydney Croatia's brilliant Anthony Franken is left out with Marconi's in-form Robbie Wheatley

ZARKO Odzakovic sees a specialist and decides to rest his injured knee rather than have an arthroscope operation

TERRY Hennessey offers his resignation as coach of Melbourne Croatia but president Jack Skoblar does not want him to step down

GOCE Dimovski of Yugoslav first division side Vardar Skopje arrives at Preston

HENNESSEY quits for the second time and Peter Ollerton is appointed new coach

MIKE PETERSEN returns to Australia for the European close-season after eight months with Ajax Amsterdam

FOOTSCRAY's Bill Lazopoulos goes into hospital with a fractured skull after clashing heads with Brunswick Juve's John Yzendoorn

JUNE (Australia begin long haul)

● AUSTRALIA defeats Everton on penalties at Melbourne's Olympic

BLACKTOWN City and MARIBYRNONG Polonia lead their respective State Leagues

Francesco Graziani says he will end his career in Australia

AFTER a gruelling tournament in South Korea, the Soccerroos finish runners-up to the host nation on penalties in the final. The success included wins over Morocco (1-0), a Chilean XI (2-0) and Korea B (5-0)

BILL Murray resigns as coach of Preston and the club transfer lists captain Ian Dobson

STUART Mellings announces his retirement after 23 years of refereeing

ERNE Merrick is appointed new coach at Preston

BRUNSWICK Juventus announces it is abandoning Olympic Park for John Cain Reserve, home of Northcote City

SYDNEY Olympic's Chris Kalantzis receives an offer from Greek club Olympiakos, whilst Olympic make a not-so-secret bid for Footscray's Oscar Crino

JULY (Summer springboard's back)

● THE vexed question of National League Summer Soccer is bandied about, with many for and as many against

AUSTRALIA's Under 16's prepare for the World Championships in Canada with a match against French professionals Paris St.Germain, they lose 6-0 in a great hit-out

ASW's columnist, Apia coach Rale Rasic says in a thought-provoking front page article: "The whole business of summer Soccer lacks credibility. It will continue to do so unless its backers can come up with something far, far better"

IN a searching interview JIMMY PATIKAS pours out his heart for Australia in ASW

AUSTRALIA's Under 16's fall once more in the quarter-finals, they are ousted by a controversial Nigerian goal

AT the same time former Under 16 star and current Youth international PAUL TRIMBOLI grabs a hat-trick as his club Sunshine George Cross secure their first win of the season

TO commemorate ASW's own Johnny Warren's induction to the Australian Sports Hall of Fame, Soccer Weekly begins the Johnny Warren Story

WOLLONGONG City move to the lead in the NSW State League

MIKE PETERSEN returns to Holland to start pre-season training after a last minute bid by South Melbourne to sign him falls through

THE Italian backed clubs of Western Australia, headed by Tricolore and Azzurri, lodge a preliminary application to join the NSL, claiming they have backing worth over \$1 million

PETERSEN returns to Melbourne after asking Ajax for a contract release

OLYMPIAKOS make a concrete offer to Kalantzis and he leaves for Greece with Olympic president Tom Doumanis to finalise the deal

DUTCH club Feyenoord signs up Socceroo David Mitchell for \$350,000 from Eintracht Frankfurt

The Scott Fraser case is re-opened and the NSL tribunal finds that Heidelberg did have four temporary visa players on its books, one too many

AUGUST (Gold Cup builds up)

● Brazil, Argentina, Italy, Uruguay, France — were some of the countries being pursued for the Bicentennial Gold Cup in 1988, the first two look very likely

REIGNING NSL champions Adelaide City earn the ire of the Soccer Media and public by fielding first team players in their Saturday State League side

QUEENSLAND's Brisbane Lions hit out angrily at Victorian moves to allow relegation-threatened Sunshine George Cross to play in the State Champions' play-offs in October

WARRINGAH Freshwater beat MARCONI in a benefit match to raise funds for the intense rehabilitation of young Manly schoolboy Justin Bale, who was struck by lightning playing Soccer

SOCCEROO Graham Arnold reveals he is in favour of a full-time professional national squad set up

THE NSW Soccer Federation announce they will be staging their Grand Finals at the excellent Parramatta Stadium

AUSTRALIA are runners-up to the brilliant Mexican's in the Buffalo Pacific Indoor Cup played in Canberra

SEPTEMBER (APIA's glory days return)

● APIA stride away out in front of the National League with a seven point lead and are odds on for a title win

THE NSL set up an inquiry over the fracas' at the Croatian Sports Centre, where the referee's inspector is cut by a flying bottle and Footscray's goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic is peppered by rocks and all sorts of flying debris and the Marconi Stadium, where the referee is allegedly attacked and reporters are threatened after the game and one man is arrested

THE ASF make moves to exclude players operation under the international indoor body FIFUSA from competing in outdoor Soccer in Australia. The crackdown emanates from FIFA

AUSTRALIA and New Zealand play a 1-1 draw at Olympic Park in the first leg of the Trans-Tasman Trophy

MARCONI and Sydney Olympic delight the 5000 plus fans at Fairfield with a splendid 1-all draw

WOLLONGONG and Polonia look set for State title wins

JOHN YZENDOORN announces his pending retirement not long after celebrating his 200th appearance in the National League

INSIDE a week GRAHAM ARNOLD threatens to quit his club Sydney Croatia, after being dropped by coach Vedran Rozic, but then reconsiders and picks up the pieces

ONE man dies and several others are treated in hospital as a bus carrying Wollongong Wolves supporters crashes on its way to the Parramatta Stadium, where the Wolves would beat Canberra Griffins in the NSW Grand Final

ALREADY without Eddie Krncevic, David Mitchell, Craig Johnston, Tony Dorigo, Andrew Bernal and others — Australia receives news that AEK of Athens intend to prevent Jimmy Patikas from taking part in the March Olympic qualifiers

Sydney's GRIDLINE Eagles take the lead in the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League and have not relinquished it

OCTOBER (Handing out the awards)

CANBERRA Griffins' ALAN REIS takes out the NSW Rothman's Medal by a solitary point from team-mate Tom Sermanni

MEANTIME Richard Van Win (Redlands United) wins in Queensland, also by a point from Frank Mengotti (Azzurri Brisbane)... Victorian favourite Paul Harris is the winner with a mammoth 37 points there, David Doorne (Polonia Adelaide) wins in South Australia, Liam Monagle (Georgetown United) in Tasmania

and Francis Cole of Gosnells City in WA

AUSTRALIA's Youth team is knocked out in the first round of the World Championships in Chile. Group winners Yugoslavia go on to beat West Germany and Chile are placed fourth

SYDNEY Croatia beat South Melbourne 2-0 over two legs in the Beach Fashions Cup final

CROWD trouble disrupts the St.George-Preston preliminary semi-final at the St.George stadium where no police are in attendance

SAINTS beat champions Apia to advance to the grand final as Preston beat Marconi on penalties

APIA are to meet St.George in the Grand Final as Tony Pezzano blocks two Preston penalties in the shoot-out to decide the final winner

BRISBANE Lions smash Adelaide Hellas to enter the 1988 National League. Wollongong are the other newcomers

Steve O'Connor wins the NSW NSL Player of the Year award

BRAZIL finally signs for the Gold Cup, the other contesting nations are Argentina and Saudi Arabia

EDDIE Krncevic says he wants to play for Australia

WOLLONGONG CITY is assisted back into the NSL by Harry Michaels of TV fame to the tune of \$250,000. He signs Alan Brazil, with the likes of Villa, Platini and Keegan also in mind. Terry Greedy looks likely to link up with City also

ANDREW ZINNI surprises everyone, including himself, in taking out the National Rothman's Medal and the referees come in for some real stick as the first five places are filled by Melbourne players, when four of the five semi-final spots were filled by Sydney sides

YUGOSLAV first division club Hadjuk Split are to tour Australia in mid-January

SWEDISH first division champions IFK Gothenburg will tour also

NOVEMBER (The Saints march in)

St.George cap off a memorable year with a 4-0 grand final demolition job on champions Apia

LATE NEWS... Clint Gosling, Melita Eagle's Kiwi International is being sought by South Melbourne and Melbourne Croatia now, along with Sydney Olympic and Marconi... Brunswick's Andrew Zinni is not moving to Sydney...



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FOR THOSE WHO TAKE THEIR SPORT SERIOUSLY



Brunswick Juve in unhappy flop

BY GREG BLAKE

IT must be said that in 1987 both Brunswick Juventus and its coach Len McKendry failed dismally.

Brunswick, national champions in 1985 and table-toppers in 1986, were expected to lead the Melbourne charge in 1987.

But in a year when Melbourne clubs fell like nine-pins the Juventus slide was as notable as any.

For McKendry, the most successful coach in Victoria for the past decade, it is suffice to say he had his worst ever season.

The problems were highlighted by a section of the Melbourne press at odds with the less than charismatic Juventus boss and eventually the situation appeared far worse than it actually was.

As McKendry has said when prompted, there are reasons why Juventus failed in 1987, not excuses but reasons.

But equally as valid is the fact that the team played some dismally unattractive Soccer this year, and was involved in some deathly boring games.

Having said that it is little wonder they struggled as their almost threadbare squad experienced a monstrous injury and suspension list during the season.

It is unlikely McKendry or Juventus will have that much go against them in future.

Juventus proved it could entertain — the opening season 2-1 win at home to Marconi was as good a game as I've seen all year.

But in the end it was the injuries and suspensions and some outrageously bad form by some players which brought the club back to the field.

The most notable non-performer was Preston ace Sean Lane. Lane just didn't seem to fit early,

subsequently he lost all confidence.

Now one season does not a champion break — Lane is a fine player and he'll be back before too long and hopefully he'll justify the pre-season \$30,000 Juve outlay on him.



Frank McGrellis flew in from South Africa, promptly hit a match-winning hat-trick against Heidelberg and was hardly sighted again.

McKendry rated him for his "experience" but he certainly didn't justify selection up front on weight of goals scored.

Certainly Juve lacked service to the front men, the midfield was decimated by the injuries more than any other area and one man sorely missed was the big man Scott Patterson.

"SP" is a marvellous inspiration and he puts a ton of life into the line-up when fit.

Grbac will mature into a fine midfielder as well and Juve, keen to add some depth to the squad, are on the trail of a couple of other midfielders for next season.

The retired John Yzen-doorn will be irreplaceable, but there were some bright spots like the form of rookie goalkeeper Pat Marama in his first full season.

Brunswick Juventus certainly had a dismal year and didn't McKendry's critics love.

I believe the club will get back on the rails in 1988, but there is still plenty of work to be done before they are a force once again.



Preston goalkeeper Phil Traianides tipped the ball over the bar during a match against Brunswick Juventus.

HEIDELBERG DISUNITED

OFTEN when things start to go wrong they tend to go dramatically wrong.

And, as is the case with Heidelberg in season 1987, when the snowball effect took hold of the club, there was nothing anyone could do to halt their slide to the foot of the NSL ladder.

Only now are some of the excuses coming to light — disruptive influences within the first team squad, a split in the ranks etc, etc.

Naturally the unending saga of the 'Scott Fraser' affair has been thrown in as one of the confidence sapping events which helped Heidelberg's spectacular crash dive.

In truth it's probably just a compendium of all of the above and more, as the once proud Greek club slumped to rock-bottom.

Now come the transfer rumours, the coaching rumours and the usual muck raking.

It hasn't been a big year for Heidelberg at all.

But, as the oft-quoted George Best said back in 1976: "I do not expect to play on a losing side."

You'll see I have a nice personality when we start winning."

And that was the case with the Bergers back in May. After a string of three impressive victories, including a 5-0 Cup hammering of Melbourne Croatia and a 6-2 League win against George Cross, many had the Olympic Village outfit pencilled in as genuine final five prospects. At that time everything was rosy.

The wheels didn't just fall off, the brakes failed, the steering column snapped and the Bergers fell flat.

Indeed they won just one more game over the next 16 rounds of the season when they triumphed 3-1 at home to Sydney Olympic in late August.

Coach John Margaritis added fuel to the rumours of dissension in the ranks late in the season when he rang in the changes to the first team, which included the sensational dropping of Socceroo Alan Hunter.

If troubles from within the camp are the reason for the Bergers' demise, it would make their plight



Claude Lucchesi.

SAINTS MARCHED HOME

JOHN ECONOMOS

FOLLOWING a disastrous start in the NSL in which they managed just one victory and one draw from their first six matches, St George bounced back off the ropes to rocket up the ladder and finish third in the League.

With sheer pace and unexpected skills the young Saints began to wipe out all opponents they met to the extent that they collected 15 points from their last eight matches.

And to top it all off the Saints marched through to win the Grand Final, crushing NSL champions Apia, 4-0 at the Parramatta Stadium.

For manager-coach, Frank Arok it was a super effort ending a fine season.

Arok told us last night: "This season has been most rewarding for our club."

"It was an exciting season and the faith we placed in developing our

youth was most rewarding.

"Towards the end of the season our youngsters were playing first class Soccer which paid large dividends.

"Our new coaching staff of Atti Abonyi, Frank Laing and Nicki Sokoloff was marvellous.

"Starting with our goalkeeper, Mike Gibson, he was solid and reliable.

"Centre-back Mike O'Shea and defender David Green were excellent.

"Our midfield of Pedro Rico, Craig Moffitt and Alan Pottier were the complete unit.

"The St George strike-force of Scott Ollerenshaw, Andy Koczka and Graeme Fletcher gave it their all.

"Of course I must make special mention of

our two most experienced players, sweeper Steve O'Connor and target-man Kevin Hagan — they were outstanding."

St George will try to keep this year's NSL squad almost completely intact for the 1988 season.

The Saints have already wrapped up a new sponsor for next year in NIKE, the sports foot and leisure wear manufacturer in a deal worth \$20,000.

NIKE will fully outfit not only the NSL squad, but also the under 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s and Under 19s squads of St George.

South Korean defensive midfielder, Choi, has been signed up by the Saints for 1988.

Choi has played 110 internationals and this year played in Japan.

Sydney Croatia collect two Cups, but . . .

NO TITLE

WHEN the National League was reverted to the championship, first-past-the-post format any punter worth his salt would have had their money on Sydney Croatia giving the title a real shake, rattle and roll.

But it was not to be. Croatia were simply, a huge disappointment . . . in the league. The fact that they collected the pre-season State Bank Cup and the Beach Fashions Cup could not totally compensate for bowing out of the title race in a second round slump of immense proportions.

More damaging to the Croatia club pride is the fact that they had made the early running in the league, undefeated for five matches on the trot. They lost their lead to Apia and then lost their way.

The mid-second round slump brought them totally undone and the dual Cup winner's all but missed the final five. But the writing was on the wall even if they were to make it, a 5-0 shal-lacking at the hands of Marconi was followed by another loss to their Fairfield neighbours in the minor preliminary semi, 3-2 in extra-time, with Marconi playing with 10 men.

Curiously the two clubs had similar league seasons. Marconi fell into a hole in mid-season but were able to fight out of it, Croatia crumbled a few weeks later and despite their 2-0 aggregate Cup win over South Melbourne, they never really recovered.

The tactic by captain-coach Vedran Rozic to continually play Graham Arnold deep in midfield, instead of his revered position as centre-forward, was proved a mistake and it cost Croatia dearly.

Also the obsession that the talented Rozic seemed to have with pun-

ting the ball forward from his sweeping role to the speedy Robbie Slater was a downfall, it's novelty wore out after a few matches.

There was no Zelko Jurin to latch onto those long passes and Manis Lamond couldn't do the job of taking possession and getting to the by-line to service the alert Arnold, for that matter, even if he had Arnold more often than not could not be in the area in time.

Goalkeeper Anthony Franken was in superb form right up until his thigh injury late in the season where the disillusioned Greg Woodhouse took over the gloves and did the job admirably.

Too often Ante Rumora was either in trouble with referees or injured, a shame for this man is a talented footballer. Ray Vlietstra, recruited from Wollongong to sturdy the shaky centre of defence, was determined and brave but Rozic didn't seem to possess enough faith in him.

Graham Jennings went through 1987 somewhat in an unassuming manner, no headlines and no brickbats whilst Wally Savor had one of his best seasons, which was topped by his performances for Australia.

Last, but certainly not least — Zarko Odzakov. When not nursing an injury, Odzakov was the cog in the Croatia wheel. When he was on his game, Croatia were inspired and a treat to watch and then on the other hand . . .

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THE GLORY DAYS RETURN

BY FRANK COLETTA

DURING ASW's annual preview of the National League clubs and their respective championship chances, Apia were highlighted and the confidence of coach Rale Rasic way back in that February article was proved correct with the Leichhardt club's six-point win.

Despite the fact that St. George took Rale's boys to the cleaners in the Grand Final, it took little gloss off of a terrific season for Apia, who looked very stale and lethargic and played accordingly on that day at the Parramatta Stadium.

ROD BROWN



Led in inspiring fashion by stoic skipper Arno Bertogna, the club which spent freely in the off-season took the lead from Sydney Croatia after

some eight rounds and simply ran away, at one stage being nine points clear.

Eventually Rod Brown was pipped in the last round by Frank Farina for the coveted title of National topscorer, but it was the ginger-haired front-runner who was creating

Tony Pezzano was voted player of the year by his team-mates, a prestigious honour and not unwarranted as his flawless performances kept the brilliance of Terry Greedy on the sideline. He had just two below-par days in the whole of 1987, ironically two 4-0 defeats, first to Preston in the second round and then the ignominy of the Grand Final. But it was he who saved Apia many a time on the way to the title.

Apart from the resilience of Bertogna at the back, there was also the flair of Jean Paul de Marigny, the steadiness of Charlie Yankos and Mark Brown's dependability.

For many, de Marigny came of age after his move from the defunct Sydney City and it's hard to argue.

His explosive runs down the flank and ferocity in defence, especially when given a specific marking role were the highlights of a well-rounded game.

Peter Tredinnick, Apia's other summer gain from Marconi, was a revelation in midfield and apart from the St. George debacle, could be often found in the middle of the park directing traffic as only he can. Where 'Treds' was a revelation, Terry 'Tex' Butler was indeed an inspiration. Literally a midfield 'motor', up and down like the proverbial yo-yo, cleaning up in defence and providing chances in and around the area. Sad then, to learn that rumours about 'Tex' contemplating retirement

are abounding.

Burim Zajmi proved a surprise-package following his move from Canterbury and caught many coaches unaware in the first round but was soon found out, and he finished the season unhappily with injury.

After looking a total spent force last year, Peter Katholos steered himself and for the better part of season '87 played a forceful role, although the odd disappointment remained.

The strikers had a sensational first round and a bit. Brown demonstrated this along with Hilton Phillips and Gary Ward, but they tailed off towards the end and the goals all but dried up.

Phillips looked a world-beater in early days but towards the finale seemed to have little idea and more often than not found himself in the referee's book after just a few minutes. He honestly seemed to have to get a bad challenge or two out of his system . . .

Ward too was in rare mood early on but looked to have lost the spark at the end of it all, but by then he and his cohorts had done the damage, to carry all before them in taking Apia's first national title.

For a man looking to consolidate in 1987, coach Rale Rasic can only be commended for moulding a team of new faces into a more than formidable club for the season, he moulded them into the champions!



FOOTSCRAY MISS FLUENCY

BY GREG BLAKE

TO the many thrilled by the style and grace of Footscray JUST in its finals run in 1986 and excited by the club's 1987 prospects back in pre-season, the year just ended must have been an enormous disappointment.

Quite simply despite the massive, by their standards, spending spree over the close-season and into the campaign, Footscray JUST didn't live up to expectations in any aspect of their performances.

The style and fluency of their game, which had accompanied Drago Sekularac's much heralded coaching debut season last year, was missing.

The didn't 'click' early, found themselves in relegation trouble, and finished the season every bit on the defensive as most clubs in the same position.

As far as repeating their proud march into the finals last year was concerned, it was simply never on in 1987.

Mind you, the signs were there when JUST failed to win any of its last 10 League games in 1986 although a whirlwind start saw them to their best ever NSL season.

The late 1986 form stayed with them for the new campaign as they played seven rounds before they managed their first League win, 1-0 away to old rivals Melbourne Croatia.

This had been despite the inclusions of Tyrone James and Eddie Campbell and Gary van Egmond over summer.

Zoran Dimitrijevic joined shortly afterward, followed by Kenny Murphy and finally the prized name of Oscar Crino joined a somewhat dispirited Footscray squad toward the middle of the year.

With that sort of quality things had to improve, and eventually Footscray's financial outlay began to pay dividends.

The real quality players finally had some of the burden lifted from their shoulders and they started to shine.

Tom Karic impressed me enormously late in the year, speedsters Ernie Tapai and Warren Spink can both turn a game on their own.

Vlado Bozinovski and Suliman Curovic showed some touches of class.

Long before the end of the year the team was free and clear of any relegation worries and in fact the Schintler Reserve team lost only three of its last 13 games.



Footscray's Vlado Bozinovski pictured against Sydney Croatia's Ray Viletstra.

The potential is there for Footscray to come roaring back in 1988 with its first squad of real quality on hand for many, many years.

The question now is whether it can keep this team together over summer and whether Sekularac can be induced back to Australia for a third term at the helm.

Rumour has it that at least two JUST stars will be making tracks during the close-season and should 'Seki' decide not to return that figure could double.

MARCONI LAYS FOUNDATION

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WHEN it comes to organising a major Australian Soccer club, there are few opponents that can touch the present management of Marconi club.

For 1987 they organised the funds and went out and purchased some of the best players in the country.

The \$32 000 paid for Frank Farina brought the season's leading scorer to Marconi Stadium.

Marconi paid \$25 000 for Steve Maxwell, who showed signs for the future without being a real success, \$21 000 for Gerry Gomez, and \$20 000 for Tom McCulloch.

Out went Rod Brown to APIA-Leichhardt for \$32 000. Peter Tredinnick, who earlier was considering retirement brought \$11 000 from APIA and Mark Jankovic retired.

All this and the linking of the new with existing players produced fourth position on the league table.

Then they went on to the minor semi-final, bowing out to Preston 5-3 on penalties after 2-2 after extra time.

Marconi could hardly be blamed for that result, having faced two hours of highly competitive football against Sydney Croatia the previous Wednesday night.

But when it came to player organising Marconi could not cope with a run of injuries that crippled their midfield in particular, at the height of the season.

Coach Roberto Vieri could hardly be expected to handle the absence of players such as Tom McCulloch, Ian Gray, Craig Mason, David Lowe and Steve Calderan for long periods of time.

Losses in key matches had Vieri reeling on the ropes. Had he faltered at the end there is every chance he would not be in



MARCONI's CRAIG MASON

control next year.

The names of Manfred Schaefer, with an outstanding record at Sydney Olympic, Willie Wallace, Ray Richards and even Eddie Thomson have been linked with the club.

Tony Henderson, who had been offered another season with the club, overcame a short, shaky period to shine well over the year.

Robbie Wheatley rarely put a foot wrong, whilst Gerry Gomez, who probably wasn't allowed to go forward enough, had a good season.

The end of the year saw some superb displays from Tom McCulloch and

Bobby Catlin did well in goal when he took over from Bruce James.

Next season Marconi will start without defender Paul Carter, who will be trying out in Yugoslavia.

But their big plus is that they will start 1988 with one of the best squads around.

With players such as Geoff Gurning on the way through they have a bright future. Basically it is an Australian born or bred unit.

There are ground improvements on the way, which hopefully will lead belief in their destiny and a return of better crowds to the Bossley Park ground.

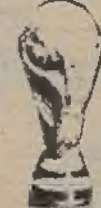


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SYDNEY OLYMPIC FAILS TO PRODUCE THE GOODS AGAIN

SYDNEY OLYMPIC, one of the League's biggest crowd pullers, yet again disappointed their success-hungry supporters by finishing out of the top five.

The club promised so much at the start of the season with big signings of John Kosmina, David Ratcliffe and ace-coach, Eddie Thomson.



But even this 'holy trio' was not enough to haul



MARSHALL SOPER

Olympic to the top of the League.

Matters were not helped at the start with the appointment then subsequent departure of coach Milan Lukic.

After a good pre-season Olympic found the going tough and Lukic was made to pay the price.

Ratcliffe was given the unenviable task of caretaker coach for three games until Thomson was secured.

Disaster struck the club in their first League match with Sydney City when their match-winning striker Marshall Soper severely injured his knee.

It was after this match that Lukic was sacked.

With multiple damages suffered, Soper underwent an operation to have the knee completely reconstructed. This injury put him out of NSL football for the entire season.

After a horrific start to the season, Olympic began to gather in points.

But towards the end of the season, the team stumbled, dropping precious League points that cost them a place in the



VICENTE ESTAVILLO

PRESTON MAKEDONIA KEPT BANNER HIGH

PRESTON Makedonia finished the 1987 season exactly as the pundits predicted it would — without a trophy.

But in a season when the Melbourne clubs failed dismally it was Makedonia which kept the Melbourne banner flying.

For that effort alone — and a quite unexpected effort it was too — Preston Makedonia gained new — found respect and admiration.

It also found a new coach in Ernie Merrick who replaced Bill Murray after an indifferent first nine rounds of the season.

Merrick, previously Murray's assistant, did nothing dramatic and yet his introduction turned Preston's season right around.

A 2-0 win at Melbourne Croatia started the drive to runners-up spot on the table in a run which saw the club lose just two of its last fifteen games.

One purple patch from round 20 to round 25 saw the team win six games on

end to cement its place in the finals.

Merrick had taken Murray's basic product and turned it into a super confident, super-charged NSL power team.

The winning run culminated in round 22 when it took champions Apia to the cleaners with a 4-0 home win. It was Apia's first league defeat for the year.

But did Preston peak too early after proving, particularly against Apia, that was equal to the best clubs in the NSL.

It seems highly likely with the Connor Reserve outfit only looking a shadow of its former self in a last round loss to George Cross, an unlucky finals defeat at St George, a penalty win over Marconi and another defeat against Saints in the knock out preliminary final.

five.

Plagued by injuries, Olympic's captain, Peter Raskopoulos had a poor season which robbed the team of vital points.

Coach Thomson reflected last night:

"Despite all our problems, a couple of refereeing mistakes towards the end of the season, definitely robbed us of a semi final spot.

"Had we qualified, I'm sure that we could have caused an upset in the Finals."

Sydney Olympic next year will throw its faith behind youth.

This year, their youth team, containing some exciting material, including David Barrett, Tom Pontidas and Steve Georgiakis, won their League in superb fashion, going through undefeated, dropping only one point all season.

Four from the youth team are ready to be rushed by Thomson straight into the first team.

And to add further impetus to this influx of fresh young blood, Thomson has already snapped up World Youth players, midfielder, John Koch and striker, Alister Edwards.

A third youth team player, Jason Polak had agreed to terms with Sydney Olympic, but suddenly last week signed up with Sydney Croatia.

Edwards flew out to Scotland this week for a month's training stint with Glasgow Rangers and Aberdeen, all of which should stand him and Olympic in good stead for next year.

Next week, Thomson will release his list of players he has placed on transfer to make way for the young blood.

Already the highly skilled and entertaining left midfielder Vicente Estavillo has left the club to play and coach State League side, Canterbury Marrickville Olympic.

Right midfielder Stuart Johnston also has left the club, flying back to Scotland.

Another said to be departing is defender Emil Dragicevic.

Tony Dakos, Olympic's elegant free-back, will next year play in the mid-field where Thomson can use his long striding raids and skills to add thrust to the attack.

The club has just signed a two year sponsorship deal with Diodora worth over \$25,000.

Olympic during the off-season wants to sign a solid central defender plus a tough striker.

JOHN ECONOMOS

LATE RUN ALMOST SAVED SUNSHINE

BY GREG BLAKE

SUNSHINE George Cross struggled against all odds to survive in 1987 and the fight, it seems, might not be over with the infamous 'Scott Fraser affair still to be finally decided.

On form — at least that shown on the playing field — Sunshine George Cross deserve to stay up.

The club had snared just two points in the first fourteen rounds of the season and by that stage impatient supporters had started to berate coach John Gardiner at every opportunity.

Gardiner had had faith in his team and insisted that simply bad luck, inconsistency and a lack of confidence had plagued his team.

The media saw them as excuses, the fans cried 'rubbish' and heads looked certain to roll.

Instead, as quickly as George Cross had slumped to the foot of the table, the club made a dramatic last-minute charge for survival and succeeded.

George Cross lost only two of its last dozen games and the run included a

sensational last round win away to runners-up Preston.

There's no disguising the fact that George Cross in 1987 was a struggling team.



The club boasted only a threadbare squad bolstered mainly by a very impressive group of youngsters and some wily, ageing veterans.

Mid-season Scottish import Gary Clarke is one player George Cross would hope to retain for the 1988 campaign.

But it is in the youngsters that George Cross can look to wish confidence and these players must be the future of the club if it is to remain a competitive NSL outfit.

The George Cross youth team has won the Southern Division for the past two years in quite convincing fashion.

It is these young players — John Markovski, Paul Trimboli, Andrew Marth and John Campbell — who will be the cornerstones of the George Cross of tomorrow.

WOLVES AIM FOR STARS

BY PHIL MURPHY



SIX weeks ago, some Wollongong City players hadn't even heard of Harry Michaels but the enthusiastic TV producer could make an enormous difference to their earning capacity in 1988.

Michaels has provided \$100,000 initially to get the club on the move, with plenty more to bring overseas guest players to Wollongong.

This news has revitalised Soccer in Wollongong and the Wolves could be the surprise packet on their return to the big time.

After regaining their NSL status after a year in the wilderness of State League competition, John Fleming's team obviously need new faces to make an impact.

With the money made available by Michaels, Fleming will be able to look at a better class player to boost his squad.

The board have already signed most of last season's squad and Fleming

is hoping to have at least three new faces.

One of these could be Ray Vlietstra, who spent one season with Sydney Croatia after the Wolves were relegated.

Vlietstra is known to be unhappy at Croatia after being left out of the squad towards the end of the season, and the Wolves would love to have him back.

The likes of strikers Robert Giraldo and Randall Easthorpe can't wait to get involved in the NSL again, and the same certainly applies to former St George fullback David Skeen and the powerful Jock Morlando.

Experienced skipper Jeff Ainsworth and utility player Scott Dickson had hurried minor knee surgery at the end of the season to ensure their fitness for the start of the 1988 campaign.

It is going to be a tough re-entry for the Wollongong side and their success will hinge on the judgment of Fleming over the next few weeks.

If he can come up with the right players to strengthen certain positions — and that is certainly his arm — the side will win their share of games.

CUTILLAS FOR BRISBANE

FORMER Philippines national coach Juan Cutillas is expected to turn Brisbane Lions into a highly competitive outfit in the 1988 NSL.

The club had a total of 91 days from their final qualification match against Adelaide Hellas until their return to the NSL on January 24 next.

It seemed that their path was fraught with difficulties, but they moved with precision to secure Spanish-born Cutillas as coach.

Apart from his qualifications, he has an outstanding track record since arriving in Brisbane two years ago.

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A special tribute

JOE MARSTON - A GREAT AUSTRALIAN

JOE MARSTON MBE

By JOHN ECONOMOS

JOE MARSTON, gentleman par excellence, and Australian Soccer's "Don Bradman" if you like, was one of Australia's earlier players to bust into the tough professional ranks of English football in 1950.

Not only did this great Australian sportsman play first division in England, but through sheer perseverance, extreme dedication and ultra discipline, the lad from Sydney's Leichhardt-Annan-dale club, achieved a unique double.

Joe Marston was the first Australian player to step onto the sacred turf of Wembley Stadium to play in an F.A.Cup Final, but did so as captain of his team (Preston North End), some 23 years ago.

Today, Australia has Craig Johnston, David Mitchell, Eddie Krncevic, Tony Dorigo, David Mitchell, Jimmy Patikas and Chris Kalantzis playing fulltime Soccer overseas.

But back in 1949, no Australian was regarded professional or good enough to attract a contract to play overseas, let alone make it to an English F.A.Cup Final at Wembley Stadium, the World's cathedral of Soccer.



Joe Marston (right) with Rothmans Medal winner Andrew Zinni.

Three weeks ago — through a rare piece of wisdom from someone in our Soccer hierarchy — it was suggested that Marston should be made guest-of-honour at the Rothmans Medal function at the plush Hyatt on Collins hotel in Melbourne.

Out of the depths of almost complete oblivion, and immaculately dressed in his dinner suit, Joe Marston appeared.

OVATION

When introduced at the presentation Joe, now 62 years of age and aided by a walking stick, attracted a standing ovation from

the large gathering which lasted nearly three minutes.

After formal introductions that included a magnificent packaged video presentation of his playing days in England, the great Australian held the audience captivated as he revealed a stream of nostalgic facts.

Visibly moved by the huge reception, the old master centre-back fought back the tears.

He stood very proud in front of the microphone with enormous dignity emanating from his still very straight and proud frame.

"This moment has made me feel as if I was back in England during my playing days," Joe managed to utter till he settled.

As a young lad of 17, he started his long and most illustrious career playing right-back for Leichhardt-Annan-dale in Sydney, during the war years back in 1942.

HARD

Later a steel-tough centre-back, Joe played this great game of Soccer in the correct spirit. He was hard as nails but played the game by the book.

Joe represented Australia on 35 occasions, during an era when internationals were few and far between.

In 1945, at 21, Marston was selected for the NSW team.

The same year he was drafted into the Australian team.

Three years later, this tough unyielding defen-

der, received an invitation to go and play professionally in England.

His career in England lasted five years, during which he played 200 first division games of which 195 were consecutive.

Some of Joe's teammates at Preston were the great Tom Finney, Charlie Wayman, Joe Walton, Willie Cunningham and Tommy Docherty.

He returned to Australia to play for Apia-Leichhardt, today's champion club of the N.S.L.

In 1964, at the age of 40, Joe Marston unlaced his boots for the very last time.

COACH

Still madly in love with football he took up coaching.

He coached Apia, Western Suburbs, Auburn and Sydney Olympic.

Let's now have Joe Marston tell us what it was like back in those days in his own words:

"Those years were tough. Mighty tough, but I wouldn't change one day."

"Today we hear of huge contracts that players get, but in those days in England we got paid at the end of the season according to what crowds we attracted through the gates."

Right at this point, the cathedral-like silence which had engulfed the Hyatt's banquet room was shattered by applause from the many NSL club officials and Soccer administrators.

The applause, of course, was in reference to 'economic sanity' which Joe had just revealed that existed back in the good old days.

What has gone wrong since?

When the applause died down, Joe continued his nostalgic 'newsreel'.

"In fact I can vividly remember that in my first year with Preston North End, I was paid 78 English pounds for the season."

RESPECT

"I arrived in England 2nd February 1950. My shirt number at Preston was 17 and the manager and directors we addressed them as Mr."

"Respect had to be shown at all times. That was the way and that is the way I believe it should be."

"Everything was professionally done. It was a new world for me."

"My gear was freshly laundered for me and my boots were always cleaned and repaired."



Former Australian captain Joe Marston (forefront) close marks for Preston North End in the home game at Deepdale against Arsenal in 1953. PNE won 2-0.

"Boots in those days had the long leather studs and needed constant attention."

"Everything was done for the player and all we had to do was train hard and play hard."

"Certain rules had to be adhered by and all such rules were in your contract."

"Any of these rules that were broken, you would be fined for by the manager."

"One such rule forbade us to be out the night before the game."

"If you were seen or caught, an automatic fine would be rightly imposed on you."

"My first five games were at fullback, a position I did not really relish, but the next season I was installed at centre-half."

"Preston's first grade centre-half Harry Mattinson broke his leg and I took his place."

"The English season is tough and long and we played 42 League matches during the year plus Cup games and Finals."

"I have had three major highlights in my life."

"The first was when selected to play for Australia."

INCREDIBLE

"The second was when as captain of Preston North End, I led my team into the 1954 F.A.Cup Final at Wembley against West Bromwich Albion."

"Leaving our dressing room and walking up through the Wembley tunnel was incredible."

"Although we were

favourites and had beaten West Brom 2-0 in the League some weeks back, we ended losing the Final, going down 3-2."

"Stepping onto the Wembley Stadium is an incredible experience that one just cannot begin to describe."

"It is the dream I suppose of all Soccer players."

"The Cup Final is a glamour thing of the football season that surrounds it all."

"I have memories that are unforgettable."

"The other great highlight of my career in football, is tonight."

"I will never forget the respect that has been paid to me tonight."

In 1953, Joe Marston was paid the ultimate re-

spect by the English League.

HONOUR

Despite the fact that he was an Australian, Joe was selected to play for the English Football League team to do battle against traditional foe, Scotland at Hampden Park.

The Football League's side invariably was the full England team.

Joe Marston's spot on the stage at that Rothmans Medal dinner was extremely enjoyable, bringing back vivid memories of years gone by for many in the audience.

In typical Marston fashion, at the end of his

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SOCCER in Canada was turning away from the British example in order to develop a system more in keeping with its environment, former Canadian national coach Tony Waiters said in Canberra.

"There was a decision to 'Canadianise' Soccer. Each team is only allowed two imports and ethnic names were banned. This created some problems but I think it was the right one and it is no longer an issue," he added.

On the international front, he questioned the value of the under-16 world championships held

"We are a community club, with Soccer people doing the fund-raising, and things have gone very well. We budgeted for average crowds of 3500 and ended up with 7000."

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Waiters, who coached the Canadian team to last year's World Cup finals,

After moving to Canada in 1977 he was involved with the NASL team Vancouver Whitecaps, which won the championship of the now defunct competition in 1979.

It comes as no surprise that Don Campbell of Adelaide won the Referee's Award from sterling opposition.

A particular mark of esteem can be seen in the presentation of the Wedgwood Achievement Award to Sydney Olympic coach Eddie Thomson.

In his years with Sydney City and now Olympic he has proved his exceptional ability by bringing many young Australian players to stardom. Lord Wedgewood personally made the award

And for the future there is Preston's George Slifkas taking the Southern Youth League award, with Zoran Ilic a creditable winner in the North.

In another award, outstanding Apia skipper Arno Bertogna is \$10,000 richer, coming home from a field in which Robbie Dunn and Steve O'Connor also excelled.



Exclusive pics of two winners from the Sheraton-Wentworth. Left: Don Campbell and right: Paul Trimboli.



(Cyprus) 0 Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 2 (Steaua win 5-1 on aggregate), PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 2 Rapid Vienna (Austria) 0 (PSV win 4-3 on aggregate).

Brøndby Copenhagen (Denmark) 0 after extra time (aggregate 3-3)
Sportul won 3-0 on penalties
Flamurtari Vlorë (Albania) 2 Wis
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SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION
Dundee 3 Falkirk 1, Dunfermline 2
2 St Mirren 0, Hearts 1 Celtic 1
Morton 0 Aberdeen 0, Motherwell 2
Dundee United 1, Rangers 1
Hibernian 0.

DIVISION ONE

Clydebank 3 Dumbarton 1, Hamilton 2 Airdrie 2, Meadowbank 3 Forfar 0, Partick 1 Clyde 4 Queen of the South 1 Kilmarnock 4, Raith 7 East Fife 1.

DIVISION TWO

Port Vale	17	7	4	6	23	17
Bristol City	17	7	4	6	28	29
Bristol Rovers	18	6	5	7	30	29
Mansfield	17	6	4	7	19	19
Rotherham	18	4	0	6	22	25
Aldershot	16	6	2	8	28	35
Chesterfield	18	6	1	11	13	34

Grimsby	18	4	4	10	17	26
Preston	18	3	7	8	13	25
Doncaster	17	4	2	11	13	32
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	NORWICH	ARSENAL	4	X
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	SHEFF WED	LUTON	6	X
	SOUTH PTON	OXFORD UTD	7	1
	TOTTENHAM	Q PR	8	1
	WATFORD	CHARLTON	9	X
	BIRMINGHAM	LEICESTER	10	1
	BRADFORD C	SHEFF UTD	11	1
DIVISION 2	CRYSTAL P	STOKE	12	X
	HUDDERSF LD	BAHNSLEY	13	2
	MIDDLESBRO'	HULL	14	2
	OLDHAM	ASTON VILLA	15	X
	READING	MAN CITY	16	1
	SHREWSBURY	BLACKBURN	17	1
	SWINDON	PLYMOUTH	18	X
	WEST BROM	IPSWICH	19	1
	BRENTFORD	BRIGHTON	20	X
	BURNLEY	BOLTON	21	2
	CHELMSFORD	BATH	22	2
F A CUP 1ST ROUND	DAGENHAM	MAIDSTONE	23	X
	DONCASTER	ROTHERHAM	24	X
	GILLINGHAM	FULHAM	25	X
	LEYTON O.	EXETER	26	1
	LINCOLN	CREWE	27	2
	PETERBORO'	CARDIFF	28	X
	PRESTON	MANSHFELD	29	1
	ROCHDALE	WREXHAM	30	1
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	CROYDON	BARKING	36	1
	DULWICH	HARROW	37	X
	SLOUGH	KINGSTONIAN	38	1
SCOTTISH PREMIER	WINDSOR	BROMLEY	39	
	ABERDEEN	HEARTS	40	
	CELTIC	DUNDEE	41	
	DUNDEE UTD	DUNFERMLINE	42	
	FALKIRK	MORTON	43	
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	HIBERNIAN	MOTHERWELL	44	
	ST MIRREN	RANGERS	45	
	DUMBARTON	EAST FIFE	46	
	HAMILTON	FORFAR	47	
	KILMARNOCK	AIRDRIE	48	
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	PARTICK	D OF SOUTH	50	
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The Soccer Weekly Team



Name: KEITH GILMOUR
Birthdate and place: 3-7-26 in Concord West, NSW
Weight and Height: 12 stone 3 and 5ft 8in
Favourite Food: Home cooking
Music: Middle of the road. Listen to various stations such as 2UE, 2GB and 2CH
Personalities: Derrick (on SBS) and Columbo
Holiday Resort: Way Woy
Likes: Home and caravan
Dislikes: Very little
Improvements to our game: Administration and promotion. If they start to get those right they will begin to move in all departments



Name: JOHNNY WARREN
Johnny gives pertinent views in ASW every week. 'Skippy' played 44 full internationals for Australia and captained his country on many occasions. He was the original coach of Canberra City when they entered the NSL, he also captained and coached St George. Is now a respected Soccer personality, giving his thoughts on SBS-TV, 2UE and Perth radio also, along with the Sun Herald. Was a member of the famous 1974 Socceroos and was recently honoured by the St George club. He has an MBE.



Name: JOHN DOYLE, expert assessments.



Name: CARLO DEL PORTO, the predecessor of VLADO VLAHOVIC.



Name: FRANK COLETTA
Birthdate and place: 14-12-66 in Liverpool, NSW
Weight and Height: 72kg and 6ft
Favourite Food: Anything cooked at home. Italian, Chinese and Seafood
Music: I'll listen to most music. But I prefer the likes of Springsteen, Huey Lewis, ELO, Beatles, Creedence, Bob Seger, Dr Hook, Charlie Sexton, 50's and 60's, Italian Pop and some classical, especially guitar. Listen to 2DayFM
Personalities: Tom Cruise, Elle MacPherson, Sylvester Stallone, Michael J Fox, Peta Toppano, Richard Gere, Kathleen Turner and any good comedian like Richard Pryor
Other Sports: Tennis, League, Golf, Cricket, Indoor Soccer and motor racing — love watching it and I'd like to drive a touring car one day
Holiday Resort: Gold Coast, that's where I'm headed in a few weeks!
Likes: My family and friends, Sport and Music
Dislikes: Smoking, unfriendly people and overuse of make-up on women
Improvements to our game: Rid the game of all its negative aspects, such as the tackle from behind and officialdom that have their own interests at heart and not the games'. Easier said than done. . .



Name: GRAHAM COOKE, our Canberra correspondent. In Illawarra there was PHIL MURPHY, Queensland — GREG RUSSELL, WA — DAVE ANDREWS and Tasmania, WALTER PLESS and JOHN TSCHEPPEA. Our SA man was TOM MCKAIN.



Name: LES SHORROCK, the gravel-voiced Englishman kept everyone on his toes with his no-holds-barred writing and expert photography.

THIS year AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY has brought you all the best news and views from around the World of Football. BELOW we present to you the team that worked so hard during 1987 . . .



Name: RAY GATT
Birthdate and place: 11-9-54 in Balmain, NSW
Weight and Height: 11 stone and 5ft 8in
Favourite Food: Italian and Seafood
Music: Late 50's and 60's, Rock'n'Roll and Dire Straits. Listen to 2UW
Personalities: Terry Greedy, Elle MacPherson
Other Sports: Cricket, golf and don't mind the gallops and trots
Holiday Resort: Bateman's and Nelson's Bay
Likes: Sport, Music and the Balmain rugby league team
Dislikes: Knockers and slow golfers
Improvements to our game: More skilful players, better administration and people working for the game instead of against it



Name: JOHN MANGAN
John covered Victoria for a time this year.



Name: ALAN VEST
The Former Kiwi international is an ASW reviewer and NSW Director of coaching. His articles often appear alongside those of Frank Scicluna. Other writers — DAVE WILLIAMS (of Northern NSW), PAUL MOON (feature writer from New Zealand), IAN MARRIOTT (alias Rushy as our Amateur page writer), Victorian Director of Coaching — TIM WHITE, Apia's award and title-winning coach RALE RASIC as our special guest writer, MARK BRIGDEN and JUSTIN COOMBER from Queensland, WES SAWINA and DIANNE MOORE covering the lower NSW Divisions, our appreciation to all mentioned and others not mentioned. . . Thank you from the ASW staff.



Name: ALEX VESIC
Birthdate and place: 20-9-40 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia
Weight and Height: 85kg and 175cm
Favourite Food: Pizza
Music: Segovia. Listen to 2CH
Personalities: Slobodan Zivoinovic
Holiday Resort: Coffs Harbour
Likes: Fishing
Dislikes: People who cannot trap a Soccer ball. . .
Improvements to our game: Coaches who can teach skills.



Name: GREG BLAKE
'Blakey' provides ASW readers with the most comprehensive features down South.



Name: CON NIKOLOPOULOS
Con has the task of handlings thing down in Melbourne.



Name: JOHNECONOMOS
Birthdate and place: 31-1-43 in Rockhampton
Weight and Height: 13 stone and 5ft 11in
Favourite Food: Spaghetti, Steak Diane plus most Italian foods
Music: Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, John Parios, Dean Martin, Al Johnson and the Mills Brothers. Listen to 2CH
Personalities: Grace Kelly, Alan Ladd, Spencer Tracey, Charles Bronson, John Wayne, Jimmy Stewart and the Marx Bros.
Other Sports: Cricket
Holiday Resort: Hawaii and Caloundra
Likes: Ocean views, quiet dinners with an intimate friend and music
Dislikes: Bad manners, aggressive and liberated females and egotistical people
Improvements to our game: Political parasites

that help destroy Soccer in Australia and also outright 'butchers' on a field, who cannot play but can neutralise quality skilled players that have the ability to entertain the fans.



Name: MIKE JOHNSON
Mike is a former England professional Soccer player. He played as full time professional with Doncaster Rovers, Brighton, Fulham and Newcastle United. He is an English Football Association coach. In Australia he has coached top teams — Sutherland,

St George BSC, West Adelaide, APIA, Wollongong United (now Wollongong Macedonia) and Fairy Meadow in the NSW State League. His television series The Basic Skills of Soccer was shown for the first time in 1980 on ABC, concurrently with another television series of his, Fitness for Sport. His book Fitness for Sport won a quick acceptance among schools and junior clubs throughout Australia.

He has had outstanding success coaching young players many of whom have gone on to represent Australia at Soccer.

He says that everyone of these players, despite their eventual success, was deficient in basic skills because of inadequate coaching in their early years, and that all of them would have been better players if they had developed good basic grounding of skill when they were young.



Name: ALISTAIR RUSSELL
Birthdate and place: 22-2-62
Weight and Height: 11 stone and 5ft 11in
Favourite Food: Chinese
Music: INXS
Personalities: Clint Eastwood and Jacqueline Bisset
Other Sports: Cricket and Tennis
Holiday Resort: Surfers Paradise
Likes: All sports in general
Dislikes: Bad mannered people
Improvements to our game: More overseas personalities should be brought out.

SOUTH'S TOPSY TURVY RIDE

BY TOM PETERS

SOMEHOW it wasn't the year of South Melbourne Hellas, a club which looks back on a mighty record which includes being NSL champions in 1984 as well as a whole host of other honours.

Part of the story can be attributed to an inability to get the midfield providing the continuous service that the strikers needed.

But it would ben an over simplification to advance this as the main problem.

A deal of the scoring fell to the midfield, with Socceroo Paul Wade topping the list on eight goals, followed by Stuart Stevenson (6), Charlie Egan (5), the elegant Danny Crainie (4) and hard working Richard Miranda on three.

One place out of the top five is not to be sneezed at, and in addition the club went better still in the Beach Fashion Cup.

Ending as runners-up will never be the same as winning, and the team had to bow the knee to a Sydney Croatia who ground away to win each leg 1-0.

Yet in the first half of the first leg in Sydney the Melbourne side absolutely outclassed the ultimate winners, before falling to a late Robbie Slater goal.

There is no doubt that the South Melbourne squad had the players to do the job.

Coach Brian Garvey dropped a few of his stars and began a league revival, but this move was a little too late in the day.

The lack of attendances was worrying, and long-time experts confess they

are concerned over the club's ability to find a remedy.

Pierre Pallas is standing for the position of club president at the weekend. He is talking of imports of the Viv Anderson and Charlie Nicholas class.

The club is interested in securing Victorian Rothmans Medal winner Paul Harris from Caulfield City.

But stability is one

needed factor. Not many coaches could overcome an exodus which might include Gary McDowall, Stuart Stevenson, Charlie Egan, Bobby Russell, Peter Laumets, Danny Crainie and Richard Miranda.

Hopefully some cleaning water will flow under the bridge before that happens.

ASW UPDATE

APIA's captain and central defender ARNO BERTOIGNA won the Daily Mirror-Primo Small-goods award.

The 28-year-old beat home Robbie Dunn of Melbourne Croatia and St George's Steve O'Connor.

Bertogna finished on 27 and Dunn on 24 . . . Meantime Sydney Olympic have secured use of the new Sydney Football Stadium, along with rugby league clubs Eastern Suburbs and South Sydney and the aussie rules club, Sydney Swans . . . Youth international Jason Polak has signed for Sydney Croatia and is believed to have pocketed a \$10,000 signing-on fee.

YUGOSLAV CUP IN SYDNEY!

16 teams will take part in the Cup competition which will be known as the Yugoslav National Day Cup, beginning next weekend.

Organised by Billy Pilovski of Rockdale Ilinden the cup will be played over two weekends culminating in the final to be played on Sunday the 29th of November.

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ASW takes a look at the

COACHES VOTE

AGAIN, as was the case last year, I asked all NSL coaches to take part in a survey to find out:

- 1) A National League (WENSL) XI of the year (firsts and seconds).
 - 2) The most valuable player.
 - 3) Coaches' coach of the year.
 - 4) Coaches' referee of the year.
- Coaches chose the best (except their own players), a player that they would most like to sign and the three best coaches and referees on a 3-2-1 points system.

Joe Sterpin, assistant coach at Footscray, acted for Dragoslav Sekularac (away in Yugoslavia).

Frank Arok "selected" his Australian XI, while Len McKendry asked to name the Apia XI as his best.

McKendry is not happy with the many awards.

He maintains that it takes away part of the glory of winning the title and too much time is wasted choosing the award winners and staging end of the year dinners.

The most number of players (24) were chosen in the midfield, followed by fullbacks (13), goalkeepers (6) and centre backs (6).

Rod Brown of Apia was selected in 10 teams, followed by team mates Jean-Paul de Marigny, Charlie Yankos and Arno Bertogna 8 each.

Incidentally, Brown, Zarko Odzakovic and Frank Farina (3 votes each) are joint "most valuable" players.

It is interesting that the NSL First XI comprises 10 Sydney players although there were only five Sydney coaches voting against seven from Melbourne and one from Adelaide.

The Second XI is more widely chosen with five Sydney players, four from Melbourne and two from Adelaide.

The coaches' coach of the year saw the vast majority of votes going to the three coaches whose teams finished in the top three places.

Again, Don Campbell, Chris Bambridge and Gary Power came tops as referees with the others getting only a few votes.

Many thanks go to the coaches for their kind co-operation and expert choices.

JOE MARTON

THE CHOICES

KEEN Soccer observer Joe Marton reckons that the coaches, who are fully or partly employed in controlling the players, should know more about their trade than anyone else.

In fact a sifting out process has occurred over the years that has left most of the top practitioners in charge at the more professionally conducted clubs.

This certainly reinforces his argument, and leads to a tremendous weight being given to his tabulated replies over the worth of top echelon players.

His reasoning process is not without a sly dig at the methodology involved in some award selections.

So read on for a top background on the current state of the art ...

In each state, the Rothmans Medal is awarded to local State League player and a separate Rothmans Medal for the NSL award winner.

The votes are cast by the referees in each game and the player with the highest total is declared the winner.

The cynics call it the "Politest Player Award", as booked or sent off players do not receive votes.

Many people also think that the referees, who have a very demanding job to control a game, haven't got the time to concentrate on judging the players' performances.

Unfortunately many "scribes" are not responsible. Some have "favourites" and many ethnic writers feel they "have a duty" to choose a player from a team of their own ethnic background.

COACH SELECTOR	GOALKEEPER	FULLBACK	FULLBACK	CENTRE BACK	CENTRE BACK
RALE RASIC APIA	PHIL TRAIANIDES PRESTON	PAUL SHILLABEER ADELAIDE CITY	ALAN DAVIDSON MELBOURNE CROATIA	STEVE O'CONNOR ST GEORGE	ROBBIE DUNN MELBOURNE CROATIA
FRANK AROK ST GEORGE	JEFF OLVER HEIDELBERG	WALLY SAVOR SYDNEY CROATIA	GRAHAM JENNINGS SYDNEY CROATIA	CHARLIE YANKOS APIA	ROBBIE DUNN MELBOURNE CROATIA
ROBERTO VIERI MARCONI	TONY FRANKEN SYDNEY CROATIA	ROBERT HOOKER OLYMPIC	JEAN-PAUL de MARIGNY APIA	CHARLIE YANKOS APIA	ARNO BERTOGNA APIA
VEDRAN ROZIC SYD CROATIA	TONY PEZZANO APIA	PAUL CARTER MARCONI	JEAN-PAUL de MARIGNY APIA	CHARLIE YANKOS APIA	ARNO BERTOGNA APIA
EDDIE THOMSON SYD OLYMPIC	TONY PEZZANO APIA	WALLY SAVOR SYDNEY CROATIA	JEAN-PAUL de MARIGNY APIA	STEVE O'CONNOR ST GEORGE	ROBBIE DUNN PRESTON
ZORAN MATIC ADELAIDE CITY	SEAN KEOGH SUNSHINE	ROBERT HOOKER OLYMPIC	DAVID GREEN ST GEORGE	STEVE JACKSON PRESTON	ARNO BERTOGNA APIA
PETER OLLERTON MELBOURNE CROATIA	JEFF OLVER HEIDELBERG	PAUL CARTER MARCONI	ALEX TOBIN ADELAIDE CITY	CHARLIE YANKOS APIA	ARNO BERTOGNA APIA
JOHN MARGARITIS HEIDELBERG	TONY PEZZANO APIA	EDDIE CAMPBELL FOOTSCRAY	JEAN-PAUL de MARIGNY APIA	CHARLIE YANKOS APIA	ARNO BERTOGNA APIA
JOHN GARDINER SUNSHINE	TONY FRANKEN SYDNEY CROATIA	GEORGE HANNAH PRESTON	GRAHAM JENNINGS SYDNEY CROATIA	STEVE BLAIR SOUTH MELBOURNE	ARNO BERTOGNA APIA
ERNIE MERRICK PRESTON	MIKE GIBSON ST GEORGE	ANGIE POSTECOGLOU SOUTH MELBOURNE	JEAN-PAUL de MARIGNY APIA	CHARLIE YANKOS APIA	STEVE O'CONNOR ST GEORGE
JOE STERPIN FOOTSCRAY	JEFF OLVER HEIDELBERG	ALEX TOBIN ADELAIDE CITY	JEAN-PAUL de MARIGNY APIA	CHARLIE YANKOS APIA	ROBBIE DUNN CROATIA MELB.
LEN McKENDRY BRUNSWICK	TONY PEZZANO APIA	MARK BROWN APIA	JEAN-PAUL de MARIGNY APIA	CHARLIE YANKOS APIA	ARNO BERTOGNA APIA
BRIAN GARVEY SOUTH MELBOURNE	TONY PEZZANO APIA	WALLY SAVOR SYDNEY CROATIA	JEAN-PAUL de MARIGNY APIA	STEVE JACKSON PRESTON	ARNO BERTOGNA APIA

THE COACHES' FIRST SELECTION

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MIDFIELDER	MIDFIELDER	MIDFIELDER	FORWARD OR MIDFIELDER	FORWARD	FORWARD
GERARDO GOMEZ MARCONI	PEDRO RICOY ST GEORGE	VICENTE ESTAVILLO OLYMPIC	FRANK FARINA MARCONI	IAN WALLACE MELBOURNE CROATIA	ROBBIE SLATER SYDNEY CROATIA
PAUL WADE SOUTH MELBOURNE	GARY McDOWALL SOUTH MELBOURNE	ZARKO ODZAKOV SYDNEY CROATIA	FRANK FARINA MARCONI	GRAHAM ARNOLD SYDNEY CROATIA	ANDREW ZINNI BRUNSWICK
TERRY BUTLER APIA	SERGIO MELTA ADELAIDE CITY	AURELIO VIDMAR ADELAIDE CITY	STEVE SMITH PRESTON	ROD BROWN APIA	IAN WALLACE MELBOURNE CROATIA
GOCE DIMOVSKI PRESTON	SERGIO MELTA ADELAIDE CITY	PETER KATHOLOS APIA	FRANK FARINA MARCONI	ROD BROWN APIA	ANDREW ZINNI BRUNSWICK
PAUL WADE SOUTH MELBOURNE	CRAIG MOFFATT ST GEORGE	AURELIO VIDMAR ADELAIDE CITY	FRANK FARINA MARCONI	ROD BROWN APIA	PETER TSOLAKIS HEIDELBERG
PAUL WADE SOUTH MELBOURNE	CRAIG MASON MARCONI	DAVID LOWE MARCONI	FRANK FARINA MARCONI	ROD BROWN APIA	LAWRIE McKINNA HEIDELBERG
PAUL WADE SOUTH MELBOURNE	DANNY CRAINIE SOUTH MELBOURNE	ZARKO ODZAKOV SYDNEY CROATIA	PETER KATHOLOS APIA	ROD BROWN APIA	FRANK FARINA MARCONI
PAUL WADE MELBOURNE	OSCAR CRINO FOOTSCRAY	ZARKO ODZAKOV SYDNEY CROATIA	RICHARD MIRANDA SOUTH MELBOURNE	FRANK FARINA MARCONI	ROBBIE SLATER SYDNEY CROATIA
PAUL WADE SOUTH MELBOURNE	ERNIE TAPAI FOOTSCRAY	JOE BISKIC MELBOURNE CROATIA	PETER KATHOLOS APIA	ROD BROWN APIA	GRAHAM ARNOLD SYDNEY CROATIA
PETER TREDINNICK APIA	SERGIO MELITA ADELAIDE CITY	BURIM ZAJMI APIA	GRAHAM ARNOLD SYDNEY CROATIA	ROD BROWN APIA	ROBBIE SLATER SYDNEY CROATIA
PAUL WADE SOUTH MELBOURNE	PETER RASKOPOULOS OLYMPIC	VICENTE ESTAVILLO OLYMPIC	FRANK FARINA MARCONI	ROD BROWN APIA	CHARLIE VILLANI ADELAIDE CITY
TERRY BUTLER APIA	PETER KATHOLOS APIA	BURIM ZAJMI APIA	ALEX BUNDALO APIA	ROD BROWN APIA	PETER TREDINNICK APIA
RON CAMPBELL PRESTON	VICENTE ESTAVILLO OLYMPIC	ZARKO ODZAKOV SYDNEY CROATIA	FRANK FARINA MARCONI	ROD BROWN APIA	ROBBIE SLATER SYDNEY CROATIA

1987 NSL XI

FIRST

TONY PEZZANO	— APIA
WALLY SAVOR	— SYDNEY CROATIA
JEAN PAUL de MARIGNY	— APIA
CHARLIE YANKOS	— APIA
ARNO BERTOONA	— APIA
PAUL WADE	— STH MELBOURNE
ZARKO ODZAKOV	— SYDNEY CROATIA
PETER KATHOLOS	— APIA
FRANK FARINA	— MARCONI
ROD BROWN	— APIA
ROBBIE SLATER	— SYDNEY CROATIA

SECOND

JEFF OLVER	— HEIDELBERG
ALEX TOBIN	— ADELAIDE CITY
ROBBIE HOOKER	— OLYMPIC
STEVE O'CONNOR	— ST GEORGE
ROBBIE DUNN	— MELB. CROATIA
SERGIO MELTA	— ADELAIDE CITY
TERRY BUTLER	— APIA
VINCE ESTAVILLO	— OLYMPIC
GRAHAM ARNOLD	— SYD CROATIA
IAN WALLACE	— MELB. CROATIA
ANDREW ZINNI	— BRUNSWICK

COACHES' COACH OF THE YEAR

1. RALE RASIC	33 pts
2. ERNIE MERRICK	16 pts
3. FRANK AROK	15 pts

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

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FRANK FARINA	EACH
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2. CHRIS BAMBRIDGE	18 pts
3. GARY POWER	13 pts



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JOY FOR ANDREW ZINNI!

GREG BLAKE talks to the Rothmans Medal winner

IF some people were stunned by Andrew Zinni's NSL Rothmans Medal win think how shocked the player himself was on his big night at the Hyatt on Collins.



ANDREW ZINNI (centre) proudly shows off his winners' medal to fellow Brunswick Juventus players and officials. Photo Les Shorrock.

I had the good fortune to be sitting at the Brunswick Juventus table when Immigration Minister Mick Young announced the referees' decision and disbelief would hardly do justice to Zinni's reaction to his one vote triumph over Paul Wade.

He sat quite stunned until the wellwishers converged on the table to confirm the decision.

It's not surprising really because not two hours beforehand Zinni had sat with me discussing the

likely medal candidates and the disappointing season both he and his club had had.

Zinni just didn't rate himself a chance, preferring to select the dozen or so other candidates.

He wasn't alone — not one scribe and not even Juventus hierarchy believed the Soccerroo speedster had a chance.

The referees saw otherwise and it's in the history books now that Zinni joins Bobby Russell and Jim Patkiss as win-

ners of the prestigious Rothmans Medal.

If anything Zinni seems a little humbled at winning the 1987 medal.

As he admitted on the night he has had what he considered not his best of seasons — at least not in terms of doing his job as striker which, after all, is to put away goals.

COMMENT

In 1987 he scored just four of the team's 18.

"I really did have a poor season when you

look at things from the point of view of the club," Zinni says candidly.

"A striker is there to put away goals and a club judges you on how many times you hit the net.

"But then again goals have been a problem with the team this year so it hasn't been my problem only but that of the team."

So how does the engaging, young Juventus and Soccerroo star explain his medal win?

"Unfortunately we've got a name for being a team of hard men and statistically we've had more red and yellow cards than any other team this year," he explained.

"If I don't get booked I guess it's easy to catch the eye of the referee and I think I've only had one or two yellow cards for

the season.

"And my form hasn't been bad, in fact I think in some ways I'm playing as well as I ever have.

"I'm certainly more composed on the ball, I can shield and hold the ball better and I've learned to play a lot more as a team man.

"And of course it helps to play in every game having had plenty of injury problems in the past.

"I've got to give Len (McKendry) his due there because he's had a big hand in developing aspects of my play.

"He's been quite patient with both myself and Scott Patterson in teaching us the art of receiving and shielding the ball and protecting ourselves on the ball."

It has been the classic meteoric rise for the 22-year-old Juventus speedster. He joined Juve from Port Melbourne in 1982, leaving the team in which he played alongside the likes of Peter Tsolakis, Mike Peterson, Joe Palatsidis and Mehmet Durakovic.

He moved to the NSL with that club in 1984, played in the all-conquering NSL title winning Juventus side of 1985, made his Soccerroo debut in 1986 and he snapped up the Rothmans a fortnight back.

EDUCATION

At the same time he's battled away trying to complete a Bachelor of

Building degree at Melbourne University.

It's a course he aims to finally finish in 1988 after six years of hard work from him and lots of assistance from his parents.

Their direct involvement with Juventus and their support of his university pursuits are the reasons he devoted the medal to his parents on that memorable night at the Hyatt on Collins.

But on the field Zinni does the job all on his own and he does it mightily well.

An eye-catcher, a goalscorer and a player possessed with a blinding turn of pace.

It's his lightning speed which probably catches the eye of the referees just as it is this aspect of his game which endears him to the partisan Juve supporters.

He set running records at school and he is now recognised as the fastest player in the NSL.

PACE

If he needed to Zinni drove the point home in the invitation sprint on Beach Fashions Cup Final day.

He won that, and the Rothmans Medal of course, but all in all it's been a pretty bleak season for Zinni and his Brunswick Juventus club.

"In my opinion I think we've entered a stronger competition with a weaker squad," is Zinni's summation.

"I think we've definitely got to look at strengthening the midfield for next season.

"Len's game is based around feeding the front-runners and without proper service it doesn't matter who's playing up front because we're virtually out of the game.

"This year we've only been getting two or three real chances to score each game whereas last year we created nine or 10 clear chances every game.

"Last season we were commanding games from

midfield and this year that just didn't happen."

Juve's demise in 1987 has been a great disappointment to all connected with the club and the obvious question beckons.

Bearing in mind his battle to retain a place with the Soccerroos, has the club's lack of success in 1987 unsettled him?

After all Zinni was the subject of numerous transfer rumours in the summer of 1986-87.

On the contrary, Zinni is keen to stay and help propel the club back to its rightful place among the NSL front-runners.

Neither does he harbour any ambitions usually associated with young stars of his undoubted talent.

"I've certainly got no secret ambitions to go overseas," he says.

"To be honest I've not even thought about going overseas to play.

"I want to complete my degree and most of all I just want to really establish myself here as a player."

And that's just the kind of news that will warm the heart of any Brunswick Juventus or Soccerroo supporters.

From all at ASW Andrew, a hearty well done.



Big Heidelberg and Soccerroo defender Alan Hunter.

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Dockerty Cup Final

ANOTHER HEIDELBERG HEADACHE!

BY LES SNORROCK

HEIDELBERG'S miserable season ended ignominiously last Sunday at the Dockerty Cup final, a game that will probably be remembered more for the weather than for the Soccer.

The scoring went 3-1 to Brunswick Juventus and they celebrated a well-earned win.

It was played in a torrential downpour that made the pitch more suitable for water polo than Soccer, and sliding tackles were very much the order of the day.

The rain however didn't dampen the ardour of the players and at times the game became positively spiteful.

Heidelberg came off worst. It ended the game with only nine men, Chris Ketsakidis and Alan Hunter having been sent off by referee Jim Fearn.

It could all have been so different too.

Heidelberg opened brightly, swinging the ball about with zest, with little Peter Tsolakis and young John Anastasiadis skating above the waves like Torvill and Dean.

The long skidding ball was very much in evidence, with the play rapidly moving from end to end.

When Heidelberg shot into the lead in the 26th minute only to be pegged back again just three minutes later, we thought we were in for a goalscoring treat.



PETER LEWIS.

With defenders floundering on the treacherous surface it was always going to be a forward's day, and so it proved when Anastasiadis carved an opening for the hard-working Laurie McKinna to put the Berbers ahead.

But Robbie Cullen soon demonstrated it was a day for the little men, and he put Juventus back on terms in the 29th minute after good work by Andrew Zinni and Joe Palatsides.

It was a ding dong affair after that for nearly an hour, with mistakes and narrow misses galore, and extra time was looming as a distinct possibility.

But as the players got more and more sodden, and the efforts of ploughing through the mud more and more difficult, the needle set in, and

suddenly we were having incidents.

Ketsakidis stopped Zinni in full flight with a simple shirt front, and that was a yellow card.

A matter of only two minutes later he left the sprightly Palatsides writhing on the ground clutching his leg and got his marching orders.

That was the signal for retaliation to set in all round, and after Scott Patterson had also been shown a yellow card, coach Len McKendry sensibly took him off and replaced him with Anthony Grbac.

Ketsakidis' departure unbalanced the Berger defence and the ever-dangerous Zinni ended the deadlock by putting Juve in front for the first time.

Only nine minutes were left then, and Heidelberg's was obviously a lost cause.

It got worse too as Hunter was sent off after a behind play episode left Frank McGrellis on the ground holding his head.

The fact that Brian Brown rose to a Palatsides cross and nodded it past Olver for Juve's third goal was merely academic. Heidelberg was gone beyond recall.

The bitterness spilled over onto the touchline too. Some Heidelberg officials who ought to know better were out on the running track alongside where I was working, alternatively abusing the blameless referee and cursing Peter Lewis.

Lewis' crime apparently was to applaud the sending off of Hunter.

Some supporters let their frustration get the better of them and they rushed to the players' race, but the police outwitted them by using the other race so they had to content themselves by shouting at VSF officials George Wallace and John Dimpsis.

After the game, Berger coach John Margaritis was incautious enough to suggest that there was a conspiracy aboard against Heidelberg within the hearing of a well-known journalist who was quick to print it, probably much to John's later embarrassment.

If this week's belated hearing upholds the decision to relegate Heidelberg (whatever other decision can it make in all honesty?), Heidelberg could be losing several players.

Jeff Olver, for instance,



Jubilant Brunswick players celebrate their Dockerty Cup victory over Heidelberg.

is not prepared to play in the State League, and could be joining Melbourne Croatia, whilst Peter Tsolakis is tipped to go to South Melbourne.

And several clubs, notably Apia-Leichhardt, are interested in Lawrie McKinna.

And Brunswick Juventus' win, its sixth Dockerty Cup success, raises some intriguing questions.

Juve's form has been a revelation in the Cup. Could it be that the players have been allowed to throw off their reservations and go on all out attack?

You have to admit there can be no other explanation considering that in the five cup games, they equalled their league scoring record!

Although it has lost John Yzendoorn, and his

generalship will be hard to replace, the club has a bonus in the way that some players, notably Joe Palatsides and Mehmet Durakovic, have blossomed this season.

McKendry is considering grooming Vlatko Belic for Yzendoorn's job. It seems that with the addition of a class midfielder and the return of Sean Lane, Juventus could be a power to reckon with next year.

And you can forget any gossip about McKendry's job being in jeopardy too.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marma, Lewis, Incantalupo, Brown, Belic, Durakovic, Patterson (Grbac 60m), Palatsides, Cullen, McGrellis, Zinni.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Marley, Ketsakidis (sent off 55m), Hunter (sent off 86m), Kanesoulis, Lucchesi, Selemidis, Valentine, Anastasiadis, McKinna, Tsolakis.

Referee: J. Fearn. Crowd: 2500.

BILL MURRAY IN DEMAND

BILL Murray, the man credited with building the all-conquering Preston Makedonia side of 1987, looks certain to coach a team in Victoria next season.

Murray, sacked by Makedonia earlier this season, has had a number of approaches by State League clubs and will be back on deck, certainly in the Victorian State League, next season.

Meanwhile Murray is

keeping in practice by taking charge of the Scotland squad for local 'World Cup' competition to be played at Footscray's Schintler Reserve.

Melbourne's Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club is sponsoring Scotland in the cup competition which, this year, has as its special guest the former Preston North End star Tom Finney.

The Scotland squad for the series includes the likes of Steve Blair, Scot Fraser, Steve Marley, Danny Cranie, Stuart Stevenson, Charlie Egan and Laurie McKinna.

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BY GREG BLAKE

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BIRTHPLACE and DATE: Australia, 25/12/60
HEIGHT and WEIGHT: 6ft 1 inch, 13 stone
MARRIED: Yes, to Helen
HOME: Altona Meadows, Melbourne
CAR: Commodore
NICKNAME: None
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Sunshine Heights and Albion Rovers.
OCCUPATION: Development officer for the Victorian Soccer Federation.
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Graham Arnold and Charlie Yankos.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf and tennis.
FAVOURITE GROUND: Olympic Park.
HOLIDAY RESORT: Port Arlington, Victoria.
MUSIC: All types, particularly Brian Adams and John Cougar Mellencamp.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Goalkeeper.
ACTOR/ESS: Clint Eastwood and Eddie Murphy/Meryl Streep and Kathleen Turner.
MOVIE: Top Gun.
TV SHOW: Cosby Show and all sports programs.
DISH: Spagetti bolognese.
DRINK: Shandy.
LIKES: Good company and good movies.
DISLIKES: Letting in goals, arrogant people and waiting around.
INTERNATIONAL GAMES: 23 internationals for Australia, Australian youth team, Victorian senior and under 19 teams.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Australia away in the World Cup against Israel and the recent game in Melbourne against Everton when my Mum and Dad were there to watch.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing out on the 1984 Socceroo world tour and losing in the President's Cup final.
WORST INJURY: No serious ones with the worst a cartilage removal from my knee four years ago.
MOST PROMISING TEAMMATE: Peter Tsolakis and John Anastasiadis.
HARDEST OPPONENT: Graham Arnold and Charlie Egan.
FAVOURITE ALL TIME PLAYERS: Peter Shilton, George Best and Kenny Dalglish.
BOOT TYPE: Adidas.
BEST WORLD XI: The Liverpool teams of the past decade.
LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To make the 1988 Olympic Games and the 1990 World Cup and just to stay healthy and enjoy the game.

Gyprock Cup winner...

HENDERSON COULD SADDLE UP AGAIN

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

VETERAN Marconi skipper Tony Henderson capped off a magnificent season by winning the Gyprock Cup awarded for the club's best player of the year.

Points were allocated on a 3-2-1 basis by referee's inspectors at each Marconi match throughout the season.

After building up a huge sixteen point lead, Henderson had to withstand a late surge by Gerry Gomez before winning the trophy with a three point margin.

He therefore becomes the first player to win the award twice, having taken the inaugural Gyprock Cup in 1983.

Craig Mason won it the following season, Paul Carter in 1985, and there was a three-way tie last year between Carter, David Lowe and Robbie Wheatley when all were declared joint winners.

Marconi's 33 year-old captain has just completed his ninth NSL campaign with the Bossley Park outfit since transferring from Canberra City at the start of the championship-winning 1979 season.

Henderson made it known early this year that this could be his farewell to National League football before possibly finishing his long career in the less demanding State League — but he could now be having second thoughts.

Straight after his team was bundled out of the semi-finals on a penalty shootout by Preston, Henderson reflected that if he could maintain his level of fitness during the off season he may consider giving Marconi one more year to complete ten years of service.

"It's far too early to say, but I know that I will miss being part of the team.

"After nine tremendous years at what I consider to be the leading club in the league, it's not easy to pack up and go elsewhere.

"I have to give the matter a great deal of thought but at this stage I could be back for one final season," he said.

Should Henderson decide to move into the lower division, his wealth of ex-



Veteran Marconi defender Tony Henderson (right) in action against Doug Brown. Hendo could play again next season.

perience will undoubtedly be in great demand by a large number of State League clubs.

The strong-tackling sweeper has almost become a permanent fixture at Marconi, and his tremendous form this year suggests that his playing days are far from over.

In a team full of talented individuals Henderson was judged to be the most consistent performer throughout a long, difficult season and his Player of the Year award was fully justified.

Characters like 'Hendo'

are few and far between in Australian football. Another season with Marconi to complete a memorable decade at Bossley Park will cement Henderson's reputation as one of the code's all time greats.

The former "Captain Socceroo" will be presented with the Gyprock Cup during the club's presentation night on November 13, but his many fans may have to wait until then before possibly getting some indication as to whether they will see him leading the club again in 1988.

CANBERRA SECURES JIMMY SHOULDER

BY GRAHAM COOKE

FORMER Socceroo, Young Socceroo and Australian Institute of Sport Soccer coach Jimmy Shoulder joined the staff of NSW State Bank League club Canberra Griffins as a consultant last week.

The appointment is looked upon as a major coup by the club and an excellent off field back-up to coach Augusto Palacios.

Publicity officer John Bonnett said Shoulder's part-time position would be something akin to that of a manager in the English Football League, without the direct involvement

in coaching and training players.

"He will be in charge of contract negotiations, attend meetings as a club delegate, organise the administrative structure of the club and oversee the implementation of initiatives provided by Bob Pritchard International Marketing," Bonnett said.

"There will be other responsibilities. Basically we will leave it to Jimmy as the club believes a person of his quality should largely define his own areas."

Shoulder's last job in Australia was head coach of the AIS where he set up the Soccer program. He

resigned last December to take an extended holiday in Europe, returning to Canberra a few weeks ago. He now works for the Prudential Assurance Company.

He took the Young Socceroos to the Soviet Union for the 1985 World Youth Cup and had charge of the senior Socceroos for a spell in the 1970s.

One of his first tasks will be to check through a list of players presently with other clubs, whom Palacios would like to sign for next season.

Meanwhile the date for the return of Palacios from his home in Peru rests with the NSL executive.

That body has before it a submission from the Griffins on why it should be part of the League next season even though it did not win automatic promotion.

HOW CAN REFEREES JUDGE THE PLAYERS?

FORMER AUSTRALIAN CAPTAIN JOHNNY WARREN OVERVIEWS THE SEASON'S AWARDS



ASW's Johnny Warren (left) pictured with SBS's Andy (dawn) Paschalidis.

LIKE most I was stunned when Andrew Zinni took out the prestigious Rothmans Medal in Melbourne recently.

Nothing against the talented and likeable Andrew, mind you, or for that matter Rothmans, the major backer of Soccer in this country.

But it does, once again, raise doubts in my mind as to the ability of referees to vote for the best and fairest players for such a prestigious award.

For mine, referees have enough on their hands controlling a game, particularly in Australia where we all admit we run one of the most physical leagues in the world.

It also raises two more doubts for me.

Why is voting restricted to just the championship rounds, when with pre-season, National Cups, Top Five series and even Winfield Socceroo and Young Socceroo matches we play just as many other games as the championship in any one season.

Also I fail to see how a 3-2-1 voting basis is the ideal.

A player could well be the fourth best each week and never get a point.

And the 3-2-1 places value on only the three best, not the consistently best.

In summary I would like to see ALL the season taken into consideration, the players themselves voting for their player of the year and Rothmans getting out of their considerable input the really presti-

gious, fair dinkum player of the year.

No Upsets

Again I do not wish to take anything away from past, and present, winners the referees or upset Rothmans, but a look at other awards give a better indication of the real player of the year.

The Rothmans Medal threw up five Melbourne players in the top six in a year even the most ardent Victorian fan would agree was perhaps their worst on record.

Apart from Melbourne Croatia winning the pre-season play offs against their Sydney brothers, it was all Sydney with only Preston (the League) and South Melbourne (the Cup) getting a look in.

Sydney Croatia, the Beach Fashions Cup winners, Apia, the West End National Soccer League champions and St George as grand final winners — not to mention a Sydney dominated top five of Apia, St George, Marconi and Sydney Croatia — indicates just how Sydney led this year's proceedings.

The NSW Soccer Press Writers went for Steve O'Connor as their player of the year — and by a record 16 point voting majority to boot.

O'Connor beat Rod Brown (Apia), Arno Bertogna (Apia), Peter Tredinnick (Apia), Vicente Estavillo (Sydney Olympic), Zarko Odzakov (Sydney Croatia), Frank Farina (Marconi), and Jean-Paul de Marigny (Apia) for that award.

Coaches' Job

The West End NSL coaches themselves, albeit prematurely, voted in the following manner on their Player of the Year as published in the West End NSL's excellent "Aussie Soccer" publication ... Arno Bertogna (Apia), Rod Brown (Apia), Charlie Yankos (Apia), Steve O'Connor (St George), Frank Farina (Marconi), Joe Mullen (Adelaide City), Steve Blair (South Melbourne), Robbie Dunn (Melbourne Croatia), Vicente Estavillo (Sydney Olympic), Peter Katholos (Apia) and Robbie Slater (Sydney Croatia) in that order.

At the time of writing the Players' Player of the Year to be announced at the West End National Soccer League Awards at the Wentworth Sheraton (last night, Tuesday) were not known.

What was however was the six nominations for the award — Rod Brown (Apia), Frank Farina (Mar-

coni), Steve O'Connor (St George), Ron Campbell (Preston), Zarko Odzakov (Sydney Croatia) and Vicente Estavillo (Sydney Olympic).

For my money the players are close to the mark.

And in my opinion it is

the Players' Player of the Year which carries the most credibility.

It should be elevated to the most prestigious and sought

after award we have to offer in the game in Australia.



ANDREW ZINNI displays the coveted Rothman's Medal to our photographer Les Shorrock.

LAST SOCCEROO AWARDS AT ARGENTINA GAME

BY TED SIMMONS

THE long-delayed special awards for NSW Socceroo members will be presented before the Gold Cup match between Australia and Argentina at the New Sydney Sports Stadium next July.

Ian Holmes, the NSW Federation Executive Director, said today the Argentina match had been selected because they were the world's top team and the world's best player, Maradona, was also likely to be present.

The Australian Soccer Federation instituted the awards of Gold, Silver and Bronze plaques to recognise players who had appeared 10 or more times for Australia.

Sydney winger Joe Watson received the first award before the Australia-Czechoslovakia match at Parramatta Stadium late last year to mark his retirement.

"We asked each state to select a suitable function for presentation to its eligible Socceroo members because we felt it was more important to be made in their home town and in front of friends and family," said ASF executive director Brian Emery.

"Victoria selected the Australian-Everton match while Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland chose other functions.

"On Saturday, I travelled to Newcastle to present plaques to Col Curran and Ray Bartz at the request of the Northern NSW Federation.

"This will leave only NSW to complete the present series."

Holmes said the ASF had suggested the NSW awards be presented this year and recommended the state federation grand final day.

"But the NSW board took the view the awards were to recognise service at international level and thought it was grossly inappropriate to make the presentation at a non-international fixture," he said.

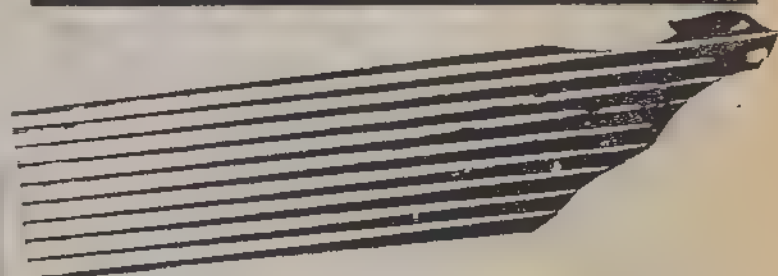
"Some people are keen it should be done at the earliest possible time but expediency has to come second to doing it right.

"We looked at the Olympic games matches in March and the Gold Cup in July and decided it should be the fixture with potentially the greatest number of spectators.

"NSW may be last but I can't think of anything better than the Socceros to be brought on to the new sports stadium in front of the world champions.

"That's the way we should treat our sporting heroes."

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MAL BROWN A man with a wealth of Soccer experience both in playing and coaching too wide to detail, he is the assistant coach and assistant manager of the Cougars outfit. Mal is the less vocal of all officials and his quiet behind the scenes approach proves that he is still one of the greatest observers of Soccer here in WA. With Mal's continued dedication, we are confident that the juniors in Soccer today will be the seniors of Australia tomorrow.

SHANE HALMAN The referees instructor for Western Australia Indoor Soccer — although he has only had limited exposure to field Soccer. He is an excellent indoor referee. As referees instructor he is head of a tightly knit referees unit, which welcomes new referees into this exciting new game. Any enquiries please call Shane on 344 4458 (a/h).

Player Profile

NAME: VLADO STRAFELA
AGE: TWENTY SEVEN
STATUS: MARRIED
CHILDREN: 18 MONTH OLD BOY
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POSITION PLAYED: ANCHOR MAN and CAPTAIN of the PERTH COUGARS

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ADELAIDE CITY — TENTH BUT STILL CLASSY

BY KEITH GILMOUR

TENTH In a 13 team league seems a long way down for a club with the standing of Adelaide City.

Especially, of course, when only a year before they thrilled a 14 000 crowd at Sydney's Parramatta Stadium to win the second leg of the grand final and become national champions on a 3-2 aggregate result.

There is another side to the coin however, as Adcity was one of only five clubs whose goals scored exceeded their goals against over the season.

And a team five rungs up the ladder was only four points ahead of them.

Probably the most outstanding factor which kept Adelaide City down in a modest position was the limited size of their first team squad.

The club was one which suffered financially in earlier days in the National Soccer League and they had worked fingers to the bone to make improvements.

So they restricted the number of players and made sure their fortunes were restored, and kept player payments within reasonable bounds.

And they kept at it to

keep their club at Olympic Sports Field moving ahead.

There is no doubt that only a few more players of the excellent quality of their 1987 staff would have made a world of difference.

As it stands there are unlikely to be any NSL clubs who do not give Adelaide City an extra welcome to their home grounds.

The current team rivals the original Adcity NSL team for quality when at its peak. And that is saying something.

Joe Mullen is certainly a striker who can set a ground alight. He collected nine league goals this season.

Charlie Villani, who also scored nine goals, and Sergio Melta both have real class, and they are well-backed by the likes of Adrian Santrac.

Bugsy Nyskohus, who could be there to settle the defence for another year yet, is well complemented by Alex Tobin, Paul Shillabeer and Paul Wilde.

Tough as teak Neville Flounders left a gap when

injury ruled him out.

The team had its downs at times, which coach Zoran Matic well realises.

But Matic, in his matter of fact and at times arduous way, has the ability to get the team back on the track.

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ANATOMY OF A UNIVERSITY SOCCER CLUB

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PLAYERS LIST

ALAN ANDREW
Position: Goalkeeper
Age: 23 yrs
Occupation: National Customer Service Manager
Past Clubs: Coffs Harbour Utd, St George Budapest
Representative
Honours: Northern NSW, Australian Youth Squad 1983

CRAIG BROOKER (Club Captain)
Position: Left fullback
Age: 22 yrs
Occupation: Student at University studying Commerce
Past Clubs: Moree
Representative
Honours: Australian Universities 1986, 1987

JULIAN RUSSELL-JONES
Position: Right fullback
Age: 27 yrs
Occupation: Physiotherapist
Past Clubs: Concordia (Canberra), Blakehurst, Sans Sauci

JOHN FERGUSON
(Club Secretary, Secretary NSW State League 3rd Division Sub-Committee)
Position: Stopper
Age: 25 yrs
Occupation: Pharmacist
Past Clubs: Hillview Rovers (Tamworth)
Representative
Honours: Tamworth,

ONE of the essentials — not recognised enough across Australia — is to have the highest quality players and coaches involved in Soccer football at tertiary education level.

The University of New South Wales Soccer Football Club has proved itself one of Australia's leading Soccer universities for many years.

It would be good to see such institutions, as well as fielding teams at the highest level, going one further.

There needs to be adequate Soccer competitions at University and College of Advanced Education level, also taking in tertiary study institutions beyond the public sector.

This of course applies across the states of this vast Commonwealth.

Apart from this, the University of New South Wales mirrors the backgrounds of a fine group of players.

The need for strong country Soccer is obvious from the Players List.

Players are noted as coming from major country centres Tamworth, Armidale, Coffs Harbour and Moree.

Although there are plenty of junior and senior clubs represented, there is undoubtedly more need for the code to concentrate on the Great Public, Associated Colleges and the Catholic schools systems.

Combined Sydney Universities

PAUL BENECKE
Position: Central striker
Age: 29 yrs
Occupation: Chemical Engineer
Past Clubs: Yugal
Representative
Honours: Australian Universities

DAVID SHAW (Club President)
Position: Centre midfield
Age: 25 yrs
Occupation: Corporate Tax Consultant
Past Clubs: Knox, Kissing Pt
Representative
Honours: Australian Universities, Combined Associated Schools, Combined Independent Schools

CRAIG OSBORNE
Position: Left midfield
Age: 23 yrs
Occupation: Student at College of Law
Past Clubs: Unanderra Hearts
Representative
Honours: Illawarra, NSW junior representative

DANIEL THOMAS
Position: Centre striker
Age: 24 yrs
Occupation: Student studying PhD in Chemical Engineering
Past Clubs: Brisbane Utd

RON LILING (Player/Coach)
Position: Sweeper
Age: 33 yrs
Occupation: Actuary
Past Clubs: Hakoah,

Sydney Maccabi, Corinthians
Representative
Honours: Australian Maccabi 1977/81/85

TONY POPOVICH
Position: Stopper
Age: 26 yrs
Occupation: Landscape Technical Officer
Past Clubs: Bankstown National

PHIL DOWE
Position: Right midfield
Age: 27 yrs
Occupation: Student, tutor in philosophy
Past Clubs: Nil

ANDREW KAY (Team Captain)
Position: Centre midfield
Age: 34 yrs

UNIVERSITY OF NSW — DIV 3 GRAND FINAL WINNERS



FRONT ROW: L-R: Ron Liling, John Fergusson, Alan Andrew, David Shaw, Peter Lagaglione, Eddie Fong, Craig Broder, Lee Ashdown.
BACK ROW: Daniel Thomas, Paul Benecke, Craig Osbourne, Tony Popovich, Phil Dawe, Julian Russell-Jones, Tony Hughes, Veljco Popovich.

Occupation: Local Govt. Information System Manager
Past Clubs: Burnley Juniors Combined Schools Lancashire (England)
Representative
Honours: Australian Universities

VELJCO POPOVICH
Position: Fullback
Age: 32 yrs
Occupation: Secondary School Teacher (Mathematics)
Past Clubs: Sydney Concordia, Arncliffe Scots
Representative
Honours: Australian Universities

TONY HUGHES
Position: Midfield

Age: 30 yrs
Occupation: Bar Manager
Past Clubs: Granville
Representative
Honours: Australian Universities

LEE ASHDOWN
Position: Midfield
Age: 19 yrs
Occupation: Student
Past Clubs: Sydney City Juniors, Queens Park
Representative
Honours: NSW State Squad U13's, CAS Schoolboys

EDDIE FONG
Position: Fullback
Age: 19 yrs
Occupation: Student studying commerce
Past Clubs: Bexley North

ARON MUCSNIK (Team Manager)
Position: Sweeper
Age: 32 yrs
Occupation: Solicitor
Past Clubs: Hakoah, Sydney Maccabi
Representative
Honours: Australian Universities, Australian Maccabi

PETER LAGOGIONE
Position: Goalkeeper
Age: 16 yrs
Occupation: Secondary Student
Past Clubs: Enfield Rovers, Redfern Raiders

COACH: Ron Liling.
MANAGER: Aron Mulsnik. **CLUB PRESIDENT:** John Fergusson. **CLUB CAPTAIN:** Craig Brooker. **1st GRADE CAPTAIN:** Andrew Kay.

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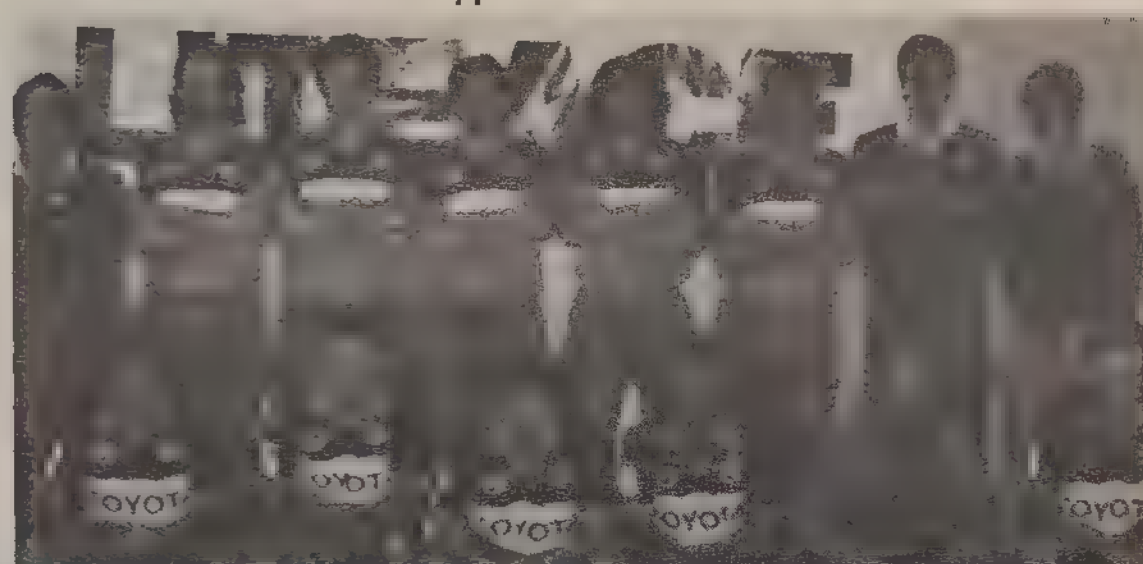
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IFK GOTTENBURG ARE AMONGST EUROPE'S ELITE

PAUL MOON REVIEWS GOTTENBURG, WHO WILL PLAY IN SYDNEY IN JANUARY. THEN HE COVERS THE INDIVIDUAL STARS OF THIS FAMOUS CLUB.

IFK Gothenburg, who will be touring Australia in the New Year, are now amongst European Soccer's elite, having won the UEFA Cup twice in the past six years.

They have come up trumps by winning the Swedish championship.

They have long been the most popular club in Sweden — even though both local rivals Örgryte and Malmö have won the Swedish Championship on more occasions than them and, in the nation's FA Cup, Malmö and AIK Stockholm have enjoyed a greater number of successes.

IFK's popularity stems from their tradition of always attempting to play top quality football and inconsistency which, though often exasperating, has ensured that life is seldom dull for the club's supporters.

Formed in 1903, IFK (or Idrottsforeningen Kamraterna, to give them their full name) won the Swedish Championship in their very first year. The competition then, however, was confined solely to teams from the city of Gothenburg.

Stockholm clubs were involved in the knockout

tournaments that IFK won in 1903, 1908, 1910 and 1918 to claim further championships.

A national league, the country's first truly nationwide Soccer competition commenced in 1924 with IFK as founder members. They have contested 55 of the 63 subsequent first division campaigns.

Their initial league title was gained in 1925, thanks largely to the scoring exploits of Filip Johansson. He netted 39 times that season (still a record) and during his career accumulated 329 goals for IFK and 14 in 16 internationals wearing the colors of Sweden.

Filip Johansson was the first famous player to wear IFK's blue and white striped jersey. Many more were to follow, including Gunnar Gren, who played for IFK from 1941 to 1949 before moving to AC Milan in Italy and starring in Sweden's side which finished runners up to Brazil at the 1958 World Cup; Gunnar Andersson, twice the French League's leading goalscorer after joining Olympique Marseilles; the 115 times capped Björn Nordqvist; Ove Kindvall, whose goals swept Feyenoord to European Champions' Cup glory in 1970; Ralf Ed-

ström; rated by many as the world's best striker during the late 1970s when with PSV Eindhoven and Torbjörn Nilsson — the scorer of 332 goals for IFK before retiring in 1986 (he broke Filip Johansson's record in his farewell match).

The most beloved figure in IFK's history however is undoubtedly Bertil "Bebben" Johansson who, for over a decade, was known as "Mr IFK Gothenburg".

A great entertainer, who displayed bewildering ball control and shooting power with a seemingly magical left foot, he scored 162 goals in 267 league outings, he won only four caps with Sweden.

Bebben hung up his boots in 1968 and, a year later, guided IFK to the league title as coach. Then came the saddest chapter in the history of the "Angels" (as they are mysteriously nicknamed).

The Drop

The season following their ninth Championship success ended with relegation. Six years were required before IFK escaped Division Two, but during the last couple of these their play was of such an exhilarating standard that they won the hearts of countless fans and laid the foundation for today's

wide popularity.

In 1975, they scored 72 goals in 26 games yet still failed to win promotion. During the following season, though, IFK were unstoppable and a crowd of 50,690 turned up to see one game against fellow Gothenburgers GAIS.

This figure was just 97 less than the record attendance set for a first division derby match with Örgryte a year after their Nya Ullevi Stadium was built for the 1958 World Cup finals.

Once back in the top grade, IFK wasted little time in making their presence felt, finishing 3rd in 1978 and completed the following season as runners up in the league and winners of the Swedish

Cup. Surprisingly, this was the Angels' first success in a competition that had begun in 1941 but they certainly made amends for past failures — beating Atvidaberg 6-1 in the final.

Within three years, IFK were the dominant force of Swedish football, winning three successive league titles between 1982 and 1984. They emphasised their supremacy by lifting the Swedish Cup twice during the same period.

Yet, the rest of Europe took little notice of these feats, for Swedish domestic Soccer was looked upon as one of the continent's more stagnant backwaters, until the 1981-82 UEFA Cup reached its concluding



Dundee United's David Narey (right) clashes with Gothenburg's Stefan Pettersson (left) and Stig Fredriksson.

stages.

IFK became the first team from Sweden to win a major European trophy when thrashing the newly crowned West German Champions SV Hamburg 4-0 on aggregate in the two legged final. It was a remarkable accomplishment for a team of semi-professionals.

Syphoned Off

Full time professional Soccer is not financially viable in Sweden and all of the leading players based in the country have occupations outside the game. Their combined earnings from football and other employment is often considerable but much less than the riches which can be gained by full time professionals in some other Western European nations.

It was, therefore, inevitable that IFK's first UEFA Cup winning side should break up. Key players Glenn Hysen, Glenn Strömberg and Dan Corneliusson were lured away to PSV Eindhoven (Holland), Benfica (Portugal) and Como (Italy) respectively. Even more damaging were the losses of Nilsson to Kaiserslautern (West Germany) and coach Sven-Göran Eriksson to Benfica.

Astonishingly, the

club's rebuilding program was so swift and efficient that they reached the 1985-86 European Champions' Cup semi-final (where the Swedes were desperately unlucky in losing to Barcelona after winning the first leg 3-0) and regained the UEFA Cup last May.

The latest UEFA Cup triumph has not, as yet, brought such a dramatic loss of personnel however Glenn Hysen, after returning from his unproductive stint in Holland, is now seeking further fame in Italy with Fiorentina and tall Finnish striker Jan Rantanen has moved to the somewhat less exotic environment offered by English second division club Leicester City.

Despite this and the surprise UEFA Cup elimination by Denmark's Brøndby, there can be little dispute that IFK is still a very strong outfit.

Moreover, they will be eager for meaningful games to gain match fitness before the commencement of the 1988 Swedish domestic season in April.

IFK, then, will be one visiting team that definitely will not be here purely as tourists and should provide the Socceros with an ideal preparation for Olympic battles ahead.

GOTHENBURG SQUAD FOR AUSTRALIA

THOMAS WERNERSON: An experienced goalkeeper who played starring roles in both of IFK's UEFA Cup triumphs. Due to the strength in depth Sweden enjoys in his position, he has won only a handful of senior international caps.

He joined IFK from Atvidaberg in 1981.

OVE TOBIASON: A young goalkeeper who has proven himself a valuable understudy whenever called upon to deputise for an injured or suspended Wernerson. His greatest moment to date came in the 1984-85 European Champions' Cup quarter final against Panathinaikos when, before a crowd of 80,000 in Athens, he produced a string of stunning saves to salvage a draw.

STIG FREDRIKSSON: Capped over 50 times by Sweden, he is a world class left-back who excels with overlapping runs down the flank.

Recruited from Vasteras in 1980.

PETER LARSSON: Long established in the heart of Sweden's defence, he also played for the World XI in the English League Centenary game at Wembley last August.

His \$140,000 transfer from Halmstad in 1985 was then a Swedish record. Can play very effectively in midfield when required.

ROLAND NILSSON: A right-back who graduated from the Swedish youth international team to gain full international caps last year.

He joined IFK from Helsingborgs in 1984.

MATS-OTA CARLSSON: A very capable utility defender who "came of age" during IFK's latest UEFA Cup winning campaign.

PER EDMUND MORDT: Another defender who delights in moving upfield to support his attack, he has been a regular in the Norwegian national side since 1984, when 19.

Played for Valerengen in his native country before joining IFK last year.

MICHAEL ANDERSSON: Young midfielder who came to the fore during the 1986-87 UEFA Cup adventure. His goal clinched victory in the semi-final against FC Tirol.

TOMMY HOLMGREN: An enigmatic linkman cum left winger and free kick expert. On his day he displays peerless dribbling ability, enormous strength in the air and uncanny vision.

Joined IFK from third division club Gallivare, along with brother Tord, in 1977.

TORD HOLMGREN: The elder brother of Tommy Holmgren, he is a tigerish midfielder, often likened to former Scottish international Billy Bremner.

Tommy and Tord, who each have over 30 Swedish international caps, hail from a small village in Lappland near the Arctic Circle.

LARS ZETTERLUNG: A tireless worker in midfield, he has been given few first team opportunities since joining IFK from AIK Stockholm earlier this year.

His UEFA Cup Final appearance lasted just 60 seconds — as an 89th minute substitute in the first leg.

MARTIN HOLMBERG: Another fringe member of the squad, this midfielder returned to IFK, his original club, after a short stint with Kalmar FF.

MAGNUS JOHANSSON: A young, pacy, forceful midfielder, he enjoyed a tremendous season in 1987.

STEFAN PETERSSON: Striker who joined IFK from Norrköping in 1984, shortly after they had been hammered by the "Angels" in the Swedish League Championship Grand Final.

The possessor of an exceptionally strong left foot shot, he has been in and out of the Swedish international squad frequently over the past few seasons.

SAM BJUHR: Young, Tunisian born striker who, despite some exceptional performances for the Swedish under 21 selection, has yet to secure a regular place in the IFK senior team.

PAR MILLQVIST: A gifted young forward, he joined IFK from relegated Djurgården earlier this year but has had few first team opportunities.

DAN FRABERG: Cost IFK \$300,000 when signed from Elfsborg earlier this year to replace Johnny Ekström, who had moved to Empoli in Italy. He is an excellent all-round striker, but has yet to make his expected impact whilst wearing a Swedish international jersey.

Appeared set to join PAOK Salonika in Greece before IFK secured his services.

GUNTER BENGTSSON (COACH): First came to IFK as assistant to coach Sven-Göran Eriksson in 1980 and was promoted when Eriksson moved to Benfica two years later. Soon afterwards, he took up a long standing offer to guide Valerengen and took the Oslo club to two Norwegian Championship titles, before returning to Gothenburg in 1985.

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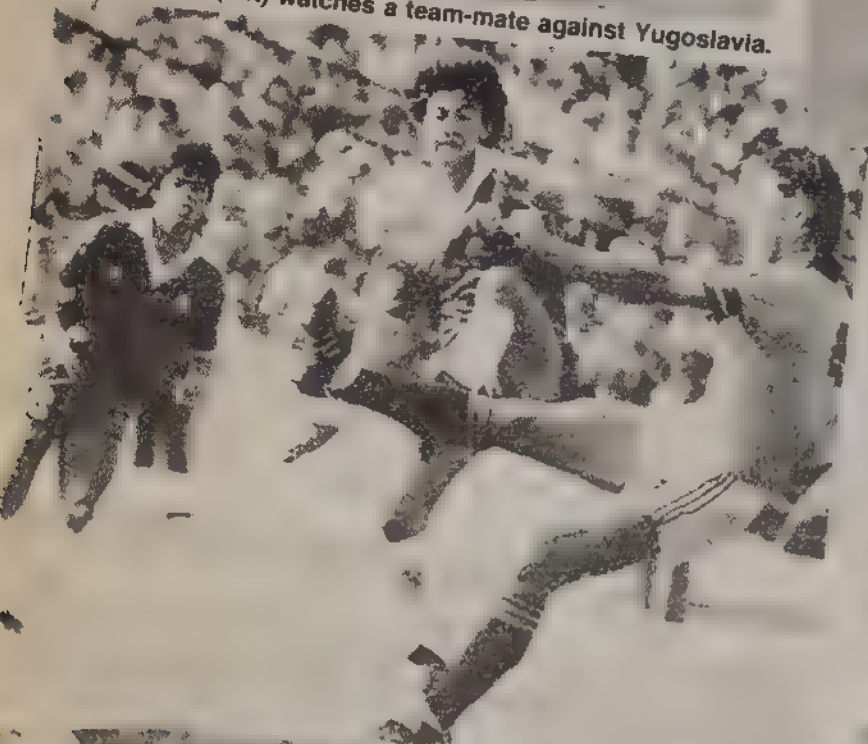
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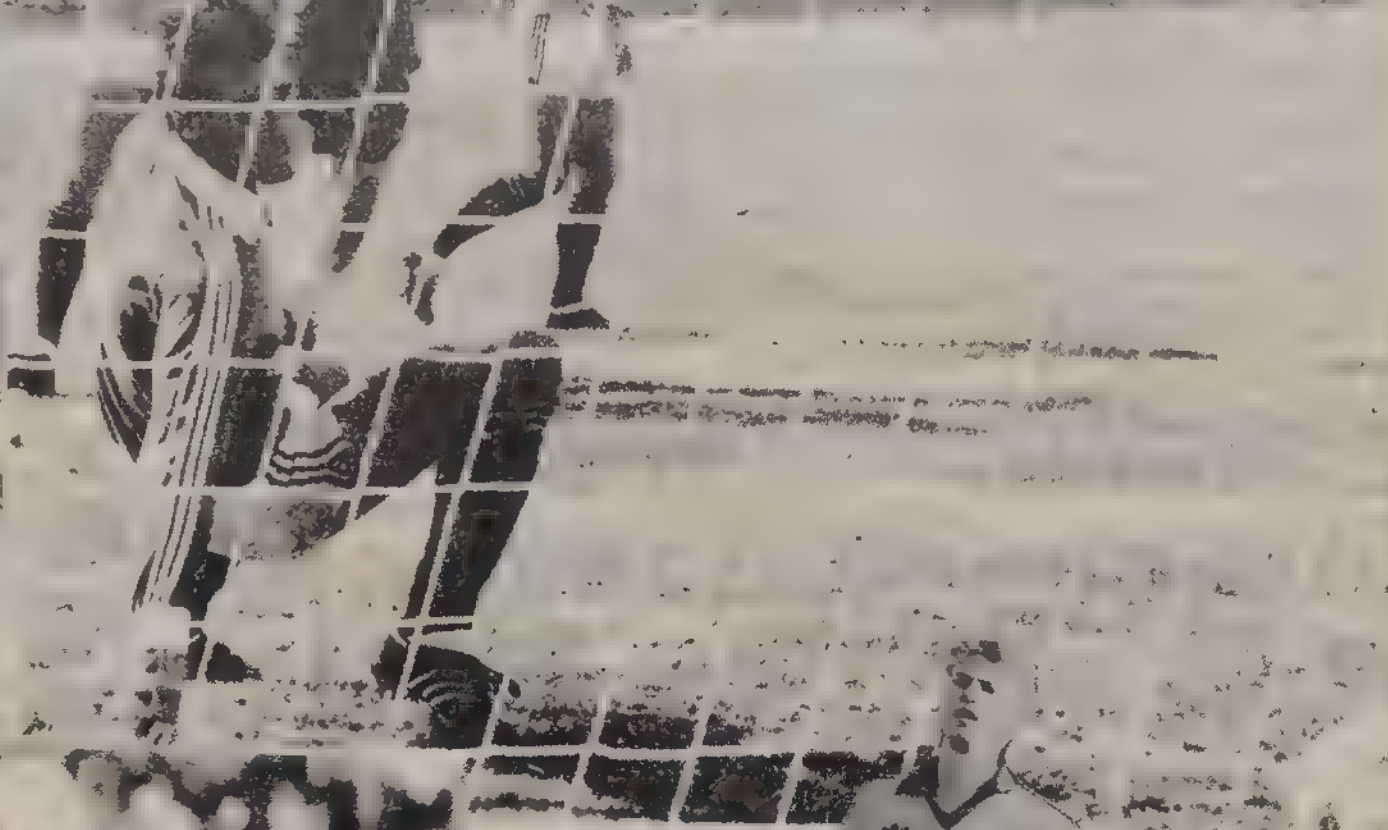
Alistair Edwards (left) watches a team-mate against Yugoslavia.



Above, Jason van Blerk watches intently in the match against Togo. At left, skipper Kurt Reynolds against Chile at right, Brett Hughes beaten against Chile, at bottom the Australians in training.

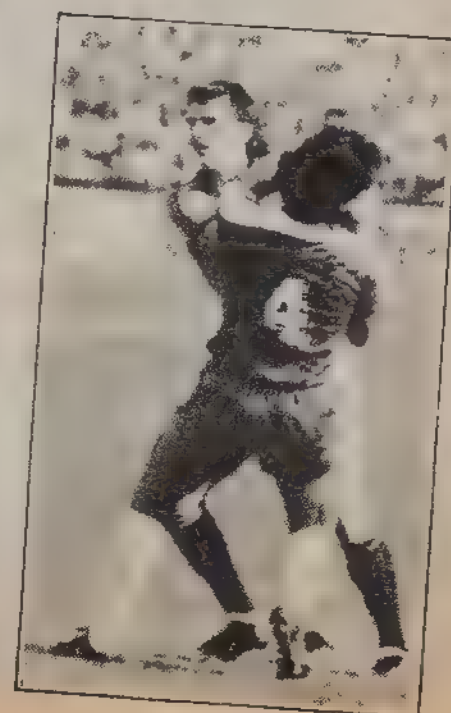


Jason van Blerk Polak against Togo and at right Lou Hristodoulou against Chile.



Jason Polak.

George Kulcsar in the incident which saw him sent off against Chile.



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LIONS MEAN BUSINESS

WHEN Brisbane Lions thumped Adelaide Hellas 6-0 to earn promotion back into the West End National League, they issued a warning that they never again would be easybeats in the country's top competition.

Apart from a good run in 1984 which saw them reach the qualifying final, Lions had always been a middle or low table side during the 10 years they played in the NSL up to their relegation in 1986.

There were the occasional heartening results, but overall Lions never really competed with the big boys of the South. But that is about to change when the club comes back next year.

Lions are now bristling with confidence, the team spirit is stronger than at any other time for many seasons and the club now has at the helm the best coach in Queensland, Juan Cutillas.

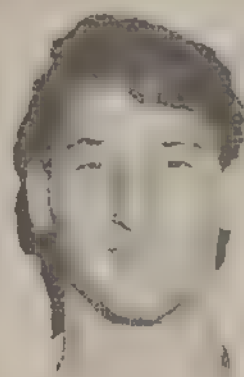
Cutillas is regarded in Queensland Soccer as a miracle man, having turned lowly regarded sides into premiership threats at both Olympic United and Azzurri Brisbane City.

For the first time he now has the best players in Queensland to work with. And he intends strengthening the Lions squad further.

"I want a squad of 16 or 17 good players. There must be healthy competition for places. I don't want anyone to be sure they have a place for any game," Cutillas said.

And to fulfil that wish,

Lions are certain to snap up several local talented players like Cutillas' Azzurri captain Frank Mengotti, a state team member, and Mount Gravatt's Queensland midfielder Martin Kirsopp, and the club could head overseas for an experienced sweeper.



FRANK MENGOTTI

But mostly the club intends basing its team on Queensland talent, as it hopes to return to the national competition backed by the Queensland Soccer and not just Lions supporters.

The club almost certainly

will play at Perry Park, for the first months of the season as an experiment at least, and could adopt a new name to avoid confusion with local Lions teams and to make the side more appealing to other fans.

Only learning that they would be in the national competition three weeks ago, the limited time to the start of next season is certain to make things tough for Lions' preparations.

But Cutillas already has mapped out a pre-season program and intends having his players back in training inside a fortnight.

"We will have a short time to prepare ourselves so the quality of training will be important. We can do all we need to do inside a month if we are all prepared to work hard," Cutillas said.

The Lions squad are definitely committed to "showing-up" the established NSL sides and the 6-0 win over Adelaide Hellas was largely due to the

Brisbane team's determination.

All the squad are expected to be back next year, including Jim Morton, who has returned to Scotland for the off-season.

Southern fans will remember the likes of Frank Liddell, Alan Niven, Russell Stewart and John Ogden from past Lions' NSL campaigns. But there are also plenty of exciting new players to look out for.

English striker Dave Wheeler has one the best scoring touches in Queensland and was eagerly chased by Frank Arok for St George two years ago. He is a delightfully skilled striker who will get more than his share of goals.

Youngster Jason Kear-ton is rated as the best goalkeeping prospect to come out of Queensland since Martin Coe, who played for many seasons with St George.

It is no surprise that Coe

is Kearton's coach and helped the 18-year-old quickly adapt to first team football when he was thrown into the position after Rob Farrow broke his leg on the Queensland tour.

David Hunter is starting to look every bit as good as his older brother Alan. David is just as strong as his brother, and is adept with both feet. Young full-backs Nick Meredith and Keith Marsh are others to look out for next season.

Meredith covered admirably at the end of this season when Niven was out injured while Marsh, the 1986 Rothman's medal winner, came into his own in the second half of the season.

It has been a long hard slog for Lions to regain their NSL place and now the club is there they intend to make every post a winner. Queensland are back in the National League and the Lions are about to roar.



Lions defender Craig Dangerfield (left) closes down Coalstars rival Alan McFarlane.

WHERE TO PLAY LIONS RESERVES

THE Queensland Soccer Federation management committee is to meet with its leading clubs to decide the fate of the Brisbane Lions "reserve team".

Lions want to play their second team next year in the XXXX League, Queensland's premier competition, to keep their NSL reserve players performing at the highest possible standard.

But there is strong opposition to the proposal within Queensland Soccer as some feel having a reserve side in the XXXX League downgrades the competition.

While several clubs have indicated they don't mind playing the Lions reserves, who are probably better than some of the current XXXX clubs, the QSF management committee hopes to get a proper overview before making any policy decisions.

Some clubs want the Lions reserves put into division two while others are backing an idea for the side to play in the XXXX League under the same no-points scheme used by the AIS in the Victorian State League this season.

Meanwhile the QSF annual general meeting has been set down for Sunday, November 29.

Notices of motion and nominations for positions of office were circulated this week with some interesting blanks.

There are no nominations for the vice-presidency nor for the position of ASF delegate. There will be a ballot for the management committee with three names more than the available places.

The Impressive Spaniard

JUAN CUTILLAS SETTLES IN

NEW Brisbane Lions coach Juan Cutillas has revealed he turned down an offer from a Sydney NSL club to lead the Queensland club back into the national league.

"Lions are a competitive club with experienced

staff. I believe with the right approach we can do well. I know the players at Lions. I have watched them at least 15 times this year," Cutillas said.

"To go to a southern club would have meant having to start from the very beginning."

While Cutillas' decision

to stay in Queensland is understandable, his shock move from Azzurri Brisbane City to Lions caught most by surprise.

While Cutillas had been touted as a contender for the Lions job when this year's coach Gordon Arrowsmith announced he would not seek re-appointment, most scratched his name off the list when Cutillas and City went to press stating they had agreed to terms for 1988.

But Cutillas delayed signing the final contract, claiming he was not happy with "one or two aspects", but more likely was buying time until he knew of the outcome of the NSL promotion series between Lions and West Adelaide.

Within days of Lions earning a place back into the national competition, Cutillas had signed with the club.

"I was willing to sign the Brisbane City contract and had a very good year there this season, but the Lions offer was too good. And there was the chance of being involved in the national league. The lure was too strong," Cutillas said.

Cutillas has aspired to coach in Australia's top competition since he came to Brisbane after fleeing the Philippines more than two years ago. The former Spanish player and Spanish FA coaching badge holder had been the Philippines National Soccer and Basketball coach.

Although his credentials

are impressive, Cutillas has had to serve an apprenticeship in Queensland Soccer. He took the young enthusiastic Olympic United side and transformed it into a formidable outfit which missed making the semi-finals only after the team lost its keeper for the last game of the season, lost the match, and missed the play-offs by the narrowest of margins.

Cutillas then went to Azzurri Brisbane City and in just one season transformed the club back to a Queensland Soccer power. Despite having call on the barest of squads, Cutillas astutely shuffled his players and boosted enthusiasm and confidence to a level that saw the team go 14 games without defeat.

The effort earned Cutillas near-unanimous choice as the Queensland Soccer Press Association's "Coach of the Year" and made him the hottest coaching property in the state.

Now that he is at the helm of the most successful team in the state this season, the expectations are high for 1988.

"I am very happy that Sam Pappalardo (Club President) and John Ponturo (Secretary) understood that I had to leave to take up the chance. I am grateful to them and thank the Brisbane City players and supporters for a great season," Cutillas said.

Representative problems

VESSEY WANTS MEETING

THE Queensland Soccer Federation has called for a meeting between all NSL-involved states and West End National League officials to work out a workable 1988 Soccer Calendar.

QSF executive secretary Alan Vessey wants a round-table conference to enable all parties to make submissions for special event dates and weekends.

Queensland has been the pacesetter in Australia in the representative arena, having played NSW on an annual basis for the past four years.

Last year the Maroons played in the inaugural South Pacific championship involving Auckland FA, Tahiti and New Caledonia, and are the hosts next season. Queensland also played Fiji in two tests last season and have been invited to tour the islands next season.

"There is no point in any organisation being it at state or NSL level issuing a calendar and then having to change it to accommodate a game," Vessey said.

"If we can all sit down and put our ideas forward then we should be able to come up with a compromise that best benefits all parties. Then everyone can issue a list of fixtures that will remain unchanged all season."

But with Brisbane Lions now back in the NSL, Vessey faces a near impossible task to organise a representative program on the same scale as last season.

Lions provided 10 players to the Queensland team this year and would be expected to do the same again in any "A" Queensland team in the near future.

But with the NSL kicking off in January and continuing virtually non-stop through to September, there are few dates open to the QSF to schedule matches. And September and October is out of the question as the rep matches will clash with the local finals series.

The QSF is determined to maintain the annual series with NSW, and if NSW vice-president George Dick's comments at this year's match are an indication, NSW is not only keen to play Queensland at Perry Park again next year, but also want to host a game against the Maroons.

"It seems to me that a meeting makes a lot of sense as we can work things out now and everyone will know where they stand when we come back in the new year," Vessey said.



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BY DAVID ANDREWS

THE 1987 season started off with expectations high for a brand new world that would lift Soccer towards the top of the sporting tree.

It ended in anarchy with the code leaderless and flying off in many directions — none of them positive.

The WA Government presented an innovative blueprint for the code that was revolutionary but exciting.

From the Task Force report came an offer of \$5 million with a further \$5 million coming from the corporate sector.

BRAVE NEW WORLD IS IMPERATIVE

A major Soccer centre was to be built that would have been a showpiece arena in Australia.

It required the sacrifice that the executive of the State body stand down for an independent body of top quality administrators from the business world.

Instead egos and narrow minded interests took over and the plan was gradually strangled.

Today the money is still there in the government's financial considerations, but the Minister for Sport has refused to even talk to the WA Federation till they get their act together.

Protestations from the WA Federation that everything is in order ring hollow when everyone knows that the Junior Association, the Players Association,

the High Schools and the Coaches have been suspended by the Federation.

The suspensions came after these bodies, including the referees and certain clubs tried, legally and by the constitution to remove the Federation's president, Joe Lacerenza over the lack of action on the government's Task Force report.

Initially there was some heavy support for the move to change the administration, and at one stage it seemed only a matter of time before Soccer in this state took off.

But with heavy, behind the scenes lobbying by certain clubs with the help of the executive, particularly Lacerenza, the pro-government section

collapsed to an embarrassing defeat.

There was not enough planning and lobbying where it counted, and the resolve of those clubs, who obviously wanted change, was weak-kneed and easily reversed.

Future

In years to come the 1987 executive will have a lot to answer for.

One of the victims of the mess was Ron Tindall, the state Director of Coaching, whose position was seriously questioned by members of the executive without the knowledge to understand the reason for his position and what he really did.

Tindall was left in a position in which he had no

option but to resign, his position being taken over by John Ward who has still not been given a proper contract. In fact no contract at all despite agreement over terms.

The Task Force fuss at least concentrated everyone's attentions on the problems afflicting Soccer in WA.

Falling crowds, high player payments, lower standards of play and apathetic administrations at State and club level need close attention.

Unfortunately nothing that has happened this year provides confidence that any of these things are about to be remedied.

A move has taken place to make a Super League of eight, reducing the top competition from 12 clubs.

The major Italian clubs, Perth Azzurri, East Fremantle Tricolore and Balcatta Etna have combined to form one major club to be called Perth Italia.

But here again there seems to be no direction from the powers that be.

A three man independent sub-committee was supposed to have met to decide which eight clubs would make up the Super League based on a series of criteria.

That committee has not been formed and has obviously not met to present their submissions by the set date of October 31.

Now the Federation has to decide the issue by the middle of this month.

All sorts of rumours are floating around as to who will make the final eight with even Lacerenza stating that this or that club will make the Super League.

We even have a situation where the winner of the Second Division, Sorrento, will have more points than a State League surviving team by virtue of the points they gain for winning the Second Division.

In other words, no-one knows where they are going, if there will be a Super League and how the new season will be conducted.

One item that seems certain in such a league, should it get off the ground, that the match of the week will be decided early each week, a move that fails to take into consideration the contract on the football pools.

Player Search

A number of clubs have already started recruiting heavily for 1988, especially Italia and Macedonia.

Macedonia is determined not to be left out in the cold by the amalgamation of the Italian clubs. They are keen to add yet another premiership title to the one they won this year.

Hundreds of thousands will be spent by just these two clubs, and yet there is no substantial sponsor for the competition.

Certainly Swan Brewery will be there as they were this year.



But the end result could be as little as \$15,000 for the winner.

The failure to make the National League has upset some, though I consider that in the present circumstances, a WA team is better out of it.

There is talk of 1989 as the year for a WA side.

But that is still to be seen whether the National League is still operating and in what form.

The only bright note on the Soccer scene for WA is the success of the Perth Cougars in the James Hardie Indoor Soccer National League.

In their first year they have shocked the arrogance of some in the East, and created a new interest in a faltering Western scene.

But even here one wonders just how far this style of Soccer can proceed.

The WA crowds have been good, but from all reports many of the other teams have only token support.

Clearly, it will never take the place of field Soccer, and talk of matching the success of basketball is premature to say the least.

The only thing one can say about the future of WA Soccer is that it must go forward at some time, because it is about as low as it can go at present.

JOHN BROWN MARCHES BACK

BY PHIL MURPHY

Former Wollongong City youth player John Brown has returned from a 10-month stint in Scotland determined to win a place in the Wolves' midfield when they return to the NSL in January.

Brown returned home looking a lot bigger and stronger, but he said he was glad to get away from the cold weather of the Scottish winter.

With his family home close to the beach at Colendale, Brown has always loved the surf and that was what he missed most while trying to improve his game with Hamilton.

The 19-year-old spent all of the last UK season in the Scottish Premier Division with Hamilton and is sure he did the right thing by making the trip.

"I didn't set the world on fire over there but I went to learn about the game and become a better player. I hope I have achieved that," he said.

One person who thinks he has is Wolves' coach John Fleming.

Two days after arriving home, Brown turned out in the centre of the Wolves' midfield in a charity game against Wollongong Macedonia.

The game was played to raise money for the family of Danny Talekovski, the Wolves' supporter who died in the mini-bus tragedy on grand final day.

After that game, Fleming said he was very impressed with Brown. "He is a better player, I am sure of that after watching only for 90 minutes," the coach said.

Turnabout

Brown originally went to Scotland to trial with Hibernian and that trial was against Hamilton. Hibernian turned him down but the following day a Hamilton official asked him to sign with them.

He did and spent most of the season in their reserve side, one of the highlights being playing against Rangers Reserves at the magnificent Ibrox Stadium.

"There were only about 1000 people there but it was a great experience to run out on to that ground," he said.

"My only game in the first team was away to Dundee and we lost 2-0 but that was also a day to remember."

Brown said he gained a lot of help from Hamilton manager John Lambie and his assistant Dave Wilson, the former Rangers and Scotland star.

"Wilson in particular spent a lot of time with me and taught me a lot about the game when we trained five days a week," he said.

At the end of the season, Hamilton were relegated back to the First Division and Brown was one of 15 young players placed on free transfers.

At that stage he decided to continue his stay as a holiday with relatives and was only a spectator for the early part of this season.

While he was in Scotland he received ASW and other Australian newspapers regularly and was thrilled to read the Wolves were doing so well.

He was to have had talks with Wolves' directors at the weekend and they are confident he will sign with them for 1988.

The youngster was free to join any club he wanted to in the UK but is still a retained player with the Wollongong club.



NEIL WILLIAMS on the deck

NEIL'S BIG DECISION

SOUTH Coast Croatia player-coach Neil Williams still hasn't decided what he will be doing next season despite strong rumours he might turn out as a player with Fairy Meadow Italia.

Williams has finished a magnificent season with Croatia and the club is keen to resign him for another year.

Recently named ISA Premier League player of the year, Williams has been non-committal about his immediate future.

He has hinted the fact that he might take a complete rest from Soccer in 1988. It is no wonder Croatia want him to stay as Williams has worked a minor miracle at McLennan Park this season.

He brought the club in to Premier League the previous year and officials were openly saying they would be quite happy if they finished in the middle of the Premier League table.

Williams went a lot further — he took his team to the championship, a grand final win and just for good measure, a win in the inaugural Ampol Cup final.

After being named player of the year he capped an almost unbelievable season. He will leave a big gap if he leaves Croatia and the club would then have to make hurried plans to find a successor.

Likely coaching candidates at this stage would be Norm Flanagan, Col Owers or Luke Robaards who haven't signed up for next season.

Fairy Meadow would also welcome Williams with open arms as a player after recently signing the experienced John Bingham to bolster their midfield.

Williams is a former Fairy Meadow player and has always been a popular figure with that club's officials and supporters.

His decision will be made within the next week and could prove very significant to the future of the progressive Croatia club.

BYRNE RETIRES

BLACKTOWN City's former national team midfielder Gary Byrne has decided to retire from State League football.

At the height of his career he was regarded as one of Australia's most competent midfielders — an expert on tidy play and delivering telling passes.

He joined Blacktown from Marconi and his vast experience was soon put to good use.

His international career began against China and Russia in 1975 and continued through until his last game for the Socceroos against New Zealand in 1983.

Here's hoping that he continues to find a niche in the game, because his knowledge should be passed on to the youngsters who are coming through the ranks.



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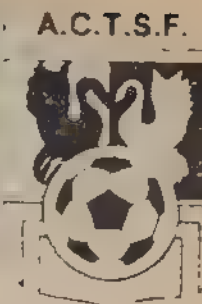
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HOLCROFT TOP AT BELCONNEN

STEADY defender Norm Holcroft won the first division player of the year award at the Belconnen United annual presentation dinner.

Fellow defender and ACT player Matt Collins was the players' player.

Other awards were: reserve grade player of year, Favio Fiorese; players' player, Mick McGready. Under 19 division 1, Paul Chalmers; Jason Swann. Under-19 division 2 A team, Andrew Walls; S. Hall.

B team, Darren Reddie; T. Cannon. Division 4, Michael Wilson; John Seeney. Division 6, Jeremy Evans; Michael Bishop.

Women division 1, Jenny Hillman; Kathy Grassic. reserve grade, Annette D'Onofrio; Denise Rourke. Division 2, C. Fyfe; J. Patten.

Club person of the year, Ian Watkins. Life member, Claude Hammond.

ETHNIC CLAUSE MAY GO

A controversial clause in the ACTSF constitution dealing with national and ethnic names could be deleted at its annual meeting.

The clause states that each club applying for membership of the Federation must submit its full name which "is not a national name; does not include words which are not part of the English language; is not indicative of the national characteristics of the club."

ACTSF secretary Lyn-dall Jennings said the clause had been in the constitution since 1973 when the national policy had been one of trying to Australianise Soccer.

That policy had been changed some years ago and as the constitutional clause was no longer enforced it was appropriate to delete it.

A notice of motion striking out the clause had been proposed by the senior League and had the backing of the Federation executive. It will now be voted on by individual clubs at the annual meeting.

The Member for Canberra, Ros Kelly, entered the controversy this week by stating that it would be inappropriate for any association to attempt to reverse the current practice of some sporting clubs identifying with ethnic or cultural groups.

"While supporters of the proposal may be well intentioned it is not consistent with current community attitudes and practices," she said.

CRAIG'S HELP

CANBERRA Griffins midfielder and defender Craig Hoogendoorn has been given \$500 by the ACTSF to help with the cost of his trip to China, Hong Kong and Macao with the Australian Schoolboys side in December.

Hoogendoorn has also received \$200 each from Allied Business Systems, Besselink Brothers and the City Club of Canberra, as well as a watch and calculator for raffling from Mobex, Australian importer for Casio products.

FRIENDLY

ACT Soccer champion Croatia Deakin put up a respectable performance in its out-of-season friendly game against the touring New Caledonian national team, losing 4-2 at Deakin Oval.

Things looked grim for Croatia when it trailed 3-0 at the interval but an improved second-half, crowned by two goals from Tony Lemezina, brought it back into the game.

"It could have been even better," assistant coach Ivan Gruicic said. "Ned Zelic was through on three occasions but could not finish off."

The result was achieved without several key players — goalkeeper Frank Reising had an appointment in Sydney, midfielder Stan Dukic was attending a christening, and winger Vic Trajanoski was meeting his father who has just returned from overseas.

Reserves Michael Videovic, Joseph Nikoletic, Robbie Douglas, Simon Junakovic and Elvis Glavinic all had runs.

PALACIOS TO PREPARE CANBERRA'S ONSLAUGHT

CANBERRA Griffins player-coach Augusto Palacios will be returning to the Soccer club next season.

Publicity officer John Bonnett said the Peruvian, at present at home in the Lima suburb of Callao, would be back in Canberra within the next few weeks — "I would hope before the end of the year but at least by early January" — to take charge of the club's fortunes in the 1988 season.

Bonnett said the contract, for 12 months with the option of a further 12, had been agreed with Palacios before he left for home at the end of the season.

"At the time the board was not able to say it could fulfil all the terms, now it can and there is no reason to delay an announcement any longer.

"I hope this will end the rumours about the club's future which always seem to be around at this time of the year," he added.

Bonnett could not reveal the terms of the contract except to say "that they are what one would expect when signing a top-class player and coach with an international reputation."

The timing of Palacios' return will depend heavily on a submission the Griffins have placed before the National Soccer League setting out why they should be immediately readmitted to that body.

The club lost narrowly to Wollongong City in the race to gain automatic promotion from the NSW State Bank League, but since then there has been agitation that the competition should be broader based.

The submission reinforces this, arguing for a return to a geographically based NSL, featuring clubs with good facilities, administration and a sound financial base.

"The Griffins qualify on all these counts," Bonnett said.

Should the club's submission be accepted, then Palacios will have to return immediately to take charge in good time for the NSL opening in late January.

While the odds are still against this happening, developments in other

quarters have probably aided the Griffins' case.

Relegated club Heidelberg are involved in a tussle with the NSL over a decision to deduct two points for allegedly fielding an unregistered player. Should those points be returned the Bergers would finish above Sunshine George Cross in the table.

Any attempt either to relegate Sunshine or deny entry to promoted clubs Wollongong City or Brisbane Lions would result in further wrangles, possibly ending in the courts.

If this is the case the NSL might decide to take the easy way out and keep everyone in, adding a 16th club to avoid a bye.

The Griffins would then be in a strong position to claim that extra position.

Bob Pritchard, the head of the international marketing company which is linked with the Griffins, will be in Canberra today (Wednesday Nov 11) to address a businessmen's lunch at the Canberra Club.

ACT INDOOR LEAGUE

Division 1 (Southside): Monash 2 Inter 2, Matadors 8 Apaches 3, Placid Ark 3 AFA International 0

Division 2 (Southside): Wombats 1 Wannl Tigers 1 Southern Meteors 2 Baron Harkonnen 2, Black Ice 4 Brandy Bunch 4.

Group A (Northside): Penetrators 4 Shadows 1, City Club 8 Atrics 1, 69ers 3 Euroblitz 1.

Group B (Northside): Warriors 2 Iberians 2, Hardrock Cafe 2 Westpac Wallopers 1.

Group C (Northside): Canberra Condors 3 Francos 1, White Eagles 6 Red Devils 1, Dickson Old Boys 6 Easts 0, Ainslie Concrete Dribblers 3 Canberra Condors 1, White Eagles 16 Easts 0.

Mixed: Brats 2 RF Wanderers 1, AID Warriors 5 Warriors 2, Police Seven 4 Russell United 1, Kahos 4 Rebels 1.

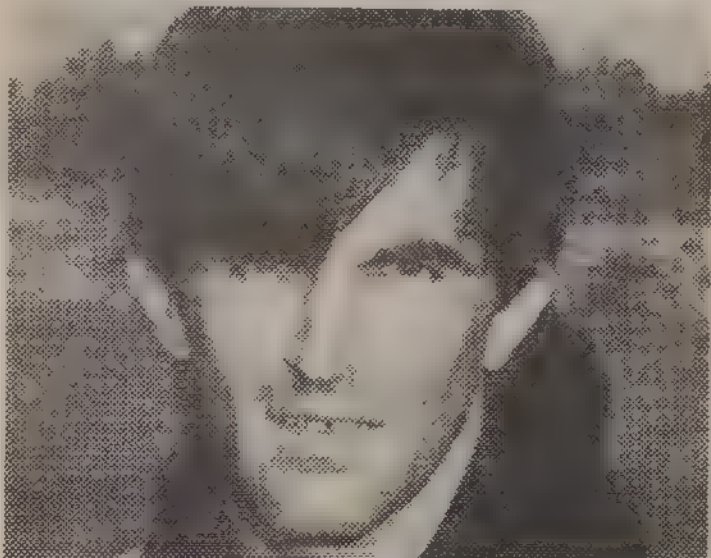
Under 20: Westcoast Coolers 5 M and M 1, Avengers 6 Belnorth 0, Tuggeranong 6 Kangaroos 0, Linekers 2 Condors 0.

Under 16: Belnorth 2 Prostars 1, Apollo 3 Belconnen 0, Amigos 2 Mazibars 1, Strikers 9 Socceroos 1, Allnighters 1 Blasters 1, Belconnen Villa 1 Blue Thunder 0.

Under 15: W. Anchors 14 Hotshots 0, Rockets 9 Wildcats 0, Valley Strikers 4 Silver Arrows 0 Phil's Falcons 3 Trendsetters 3.

Under 14 (Southside): Eddies 5 Wizards 0, Liverpool 5 Socceroos 0, Allstars 2 All Blacks 2, Hotshots 2 Socceroos 1, Wizards 3 United 1.

Under 14 (Northside): Europe 0 Strikers 0, Hotshots 3 Tigers 1, Giants 7 Allstars 0, Eagles 6 Flyers 0.



VIC TRAJANOSKI

Under 13: Spartans 4 Eagles 1, Tigers 4 Falcons 0, Allstars 2 Flyers 2.

Under 12 (Southside): Arrows 1 Warriors 0, Naroma Homes 2 Cobras 1, Arthur Young 1 Green Machine 1, Naroma Homes 2 Warriors 2.

Under 12a (Northside): Lobos 1 Socceroos 0, Strikers 3 Eagles 0, Tigers 2 Wanderers 1.

Under 12b (Northside): Wanderers 2 Dazzlers 2, Megastars 1 Falcons 0, Hobos 0 Lions 0.

Under 11: Crocks 4 Wolves 0, Bandits 2 Panthers 0, Wobblers 8 Hawks 0, Leopards 5 Tigers 0.

Under 10: Falcons 1 Mares 1, Eagles 3 Cats 1, Gunners 3 Hawks 1.

Under 8 (Southside): Aussies 4 Tee Pees 0, Pandas 1 Devils 0, Magnums 1 Cheetahs 0, Bombers 2 Garfield 0.

Under 8 (Northside): Drummers 3 Jets 0, Leprechauns 1 Cardinals 0.

ACTWSA SUMMER SEVEN-A-SIDE

Los Combos Wanderers 7 (Megan Baldwin 3 Tina McCourley 2, Clair Angel 2) Concordia Canberra 0, Hotshots 2 (Stacey Murphy, Rachel Cohen) ANU II 2 (own goal Donna Edmonds), Belconnen United 2 (Sasha Wainwright 2) Canberra City 0, ANU I 3 Weston Creek 0 (forfeit).

THOMSON HAPPY OVER YOUTH IN LATROBE GAME

ONE match is too narrow a base on which to make a judgement, but the wind-up of the ACT Soccer season with the inter-league matches in the Latrobe Valley at least gave administrators some cause to hope for the future.

And if the performance of the Territory's youth team in its 4-0 win over Latrobe Youth is representative of the quality of youngsters coming through the system, then there will be some good Soccer to be seen around Canberra for years to come.

The youngsters, who went to Victoria with the bare 11, outclassed their opponents from start to finish and two, Michael Wiseman and Ned Zelic, had sufficient energy and enthusiasm to turn out again as substitutes for the senior team later in the afternoon.

Everyone played well, a few deserve special mention: Belconnen United's Peter-John DiMichiel scored a hat-trick from the midfield, and each of the goals showed a different side of his talents.

The first was a header from a free kick by Alan Rankine, the second was a calmly placed shot, as unhurried as it was unstoppable, the third a lazy cross into the area which swerved past Latrobe goalkeeper Adrian Huizer at the last minute.

Then there was the brave performance of big Canberra City Olympians defender Robbie Heidemanns. He was in everything — blocking, distributing, breaking down the few Latrobe attacks which threatened anything, and initiating his side's own moves.

If there had been any substitutes he would have come off 20 minutes from the end when he took a knock, instead he played on with his effectiveness hardly diminished.

Goalkeeper David Cortice did not have a great deal to do, but what he did was excellent and it is hard to see why he is not a members of Concordia-Canberra's first team. Cameron Tully, Wiseman, Zelic and Ben Campbell can look back on their contributions with satisfaction.

In the lead-up to the weekend ACT coach Roy Thomson said he would be happy to welcome this year's under-19s into the senior squad next season — on this performance it is easy to understand why.

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AUSTRALIAN INDOOR PAGE

MACKAY PROMOTION

MACKAY Indoor Soccer Association staged a highly successful promotional week culminating in the inaugural Presentation evening at the Pavilion 500 in Mackay.

With president Brian Keightley, the inspiration behind the indoor movement in Mackay, hospitalised with back problems in the Mackay Hospital for the week (Brian was allowed to attend the presentation night but like Cinderella had to back in hospital for a back rub at midnight) it was left to his two more than capable offsidiers at SOCCER WORLD, the indoor centre at Mackay, wife Trish and Gail Muscat, to put all the final touches to a week of activities.

Media promotions by special guest Johnny Warren gave the code enormous coverage — the highlight of the week undoubtedly that negotiations resulted in the James Hardie Indoor Soccer League going to air on MVQ Television on Saturday afternoons as from November 21.

School promotions at Central, North Mackay, West Mackay, Fitzgerald, Andergrove, Milton Street and Pioneer Schools were staged throughout the week as well as at Soccer World, the indoor Soccer centre in Mackay.

Awards at the presentation dinner at which Johnny Warren was a guest of honour and guest speaker were:

MEN: League Winners: Nissan, runners up Triple

"S" League Cup: Winners Nissan, runners up Beaconsfield Service Station.

Ladies: League Winners: Keen Team, runners up National Car Rentals First League Cup: Winners: Bucasia Nursery, runners up Kooyong City Handicap Cup: Winners DMP (Drink More...), runners up National Car Rentals.

Second League Cup winners DMP, runners up Keen Team.

Fun Cup Brasil (Abi Keightley, Sandy Turner, Debbie Mifsud, Sonya Muscat, Margaret Carter).

Runners up France

(Jackie Attard, Sharon Wright, Sharon O'Brien, Angie Gillan, Michelle Drury.

Ladies leading goalscorer: Sharon Wright with 57 goals.

Mens Awards: Player of the year: Mark Sleeman. Most Improved: Ken Sanders. Most Improved team: Beaconsfield Service Station. Most Improved goalkeeper: Ken Sanders.

Ladies Awards: Players Player of the year: Margaret Carter. Most improved (shared): Cindy Raikaki and Hannah Keightley. Most Improved team: Kooyong City.

In his address at the presentation night Brian Keightley thanked the backers of indoor Soccer in the area — Beaconsfield Service Station, Sugar City Caterers, Highway Garden Centre, Ansett Airlines, Kooyong Hotel Motor Inn, Avis, Radio Rentals and Caneland Shopping Centre.

A total of 47 players will also travel to Canberra for the national titles in January.

Before returning to hospital Brian Keightley had Gail Muscat and Trish Keightley present honorary life membership to Aldo Rover and Johnny Warren.

Aldo Rover has been one of the strongest supporters and workers for the indoor movement in Mackay.

*On November 21 at the Fairfield Leisure Centre, the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League will host a night for the media, as the competition's triumph cards, Sydney Toyota Tornadoes take on Gridline Eagles in the main attraction.

Prior to that, a Media special word for the referees particularly James Hardie NISL referee Jack Abbott and the scorers. Australian representatives received high praise for their efforts.

ILLAWARRA CREATES HISTORY

The Illawarra Indoor Soccer Federation recently created history by being the very first region in Australia to be granted a mandate to govern its own affairs. National president Joe Brent and NSW President Graham Bradley were present at a meeting in the Illawarra Region, and having made a searching investigation into the ability of the local committee and its running of affairs in the region, they had no doubt that the Illawarra Area was able to handle indoor Soccer in the region without recourse to the NSW body.

NSW COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The newly formed Illawarra region was the host for the third NSW Country Championships, and the event proved yet again to be an unqualified success, with 57 teams from NSW and ACT entering. Over an intensive two days, a total of 186 games were played on four courts, culminating in the finals on Sunday afternoon at the University. Illawarra won four of the age groups, and were represented in the final of another. Winners were: Under 7's Canaries (Illawarra) Under 9's Rebels (Illawarra) Under 11's Lockwood Rockets (Sydney) Under 12's Strikers (ACT) Under 14's Woodgers (Belconnen) Under 15's Canberra City Appollo (ACT) Under 16's Gus Lui Motor Cycles (Sydney) All Age Ladies Illawarra Health Fund (Illawarra) All Age Blue Angels (Illawarra).

MEDIA GAME BIG SUCCESS

The match between the Sydney Media team and Wollongong Media team played as a forerunner to the IMB Stingers and Geelong Cats game was a huge success. The Wollongong media team scraped home against Sydney, and rumour has it that a well known ASW journalist has been the subject of a number of offers from NISL League teams following his sterling display!

HOSPITALITY PLUS!

The IMB Stingers may only be in eighth place on the league table, but they rank high on the list in the entertainment stakes, along with Perth and Bundaberg, for their handling of interstate teams coming to visit. Bundaberg, Perth and Geelong will all testify to the lavish spreads put on after the games in Kings and Cagneys Restaurants. Only problem for the visiting teams it seems is that they had to be sure to get to the food before IMB's Phil Mathias, whose prowess as a "toothman" is legendary!

REFEREES TO N.Z.

AACT INDOOR referees Peter Burrows and Alan Ward will be in Auckland from November 25/December 3.

Yesterday Burrows said: "We received an invitation from New Zealand organiser Grant Petrie to accompany the touring under 15 team and control a few matches.

"It will give us the chance to discuss refereeing and other matters of mutual interest in fostering the game.

"I am certain that we can learn from them and vice versa."

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: Friday 13th November Illawarra Stingers v Thomastown Twisties at Wollongong Uni

Saturday 14th November Perth Cougars v Geelong CC's at Perry Lakes Canberra Rockets v Thomastown Twisties at AIS Bundaberg Canecutters v Brisbane Bombers at B'berg Indoor Centre Sunday 15th November Canberra Strikers v Thomastown Twisties at AIS

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(1) COMING Attractions they certainly are. The Geelong City Junior Indoor Soccer team with the trophies they won at the Victorian Indoor Soccer Championships at Moe. Back row, left to right: Grant Carr, Jerry Hrenek, Louie Stefanovski, Kris Trajanovski, Michael Spasevski, Tony Bozinovski, Jimmy Dimovski, Danny Besel, Paul Halliday (coach). Front row: Charles Fitzpatrick, Nick Rendevski, Peter Sorocuk, Jason McAuliffe, Ross Hay, Robert Nestorovski, Tony Stojcevski, Dragi Sobeovski.

Refreshingly Keightley also stated that one of his and his organisation's aims throughout the year was to work in co-operation with the outdoor movement and that the aim of indoor Soccer was to compliment the outdoor game.

Four Mackay teams travel to the State titles in Brisbane this weekend.

mini-tournament will take place, with several round-robin 10 minutes matches, culminating in a final. This kicks-off at 4.30pm. Following the matches, the media and officials will enjoy dinner and drinks in the reception room.

Then they return to the arena to watch the Parramatta Spartans — Lotto Allstars match at 7pm and the main game at 8.30pm.

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SPART-ATTACK!

PERTH COUGARS 5 (Z.Atanasovski 4 and B.Atanasovski)
LOTTO ALLSTARS 2 (White and Milicic)
at the Fairfield Leisure Centre.

Despite not realising their full potential as yet, the Perth Cougars showed real professionalism and teamwork as they accounted for Lotto 5-2.

The basis of the Perth side — the Atanasovski brothers, Zoran and Boris, Michael Roki and Vlado Strafela, have an uncanny understanding on the pitch and are spurred on and kept alert by goalkeeper Colin Barbas.

But it was the tireless Michael Roki who impressed on the night. He was a continual target for his team-mates and always beat Rod Skeltern to the ball, the difference in Perth's strike potency was quite evident when he was not there was distinct to Richard Gaitan and Tim Kantor taking up the target-man role.

The finishing of Zoran Atanasovski was a sheer delight as all four goals came from different angles and he may have had twice as many had Bruce Thurlow not been on form in the first half. His brother Boris was the orchestrator, taking possession from Strafela and feeding Roki and Zoran.

Lotto battled hard and even when Scott Gilligan made his presence, they never looked likely to threaten for a win. Even when the Allstars pulled it back to 2-4 with a minute left and a late rally pending, Boris Atanasovski stroled through the pack with 11 seconds remaining and with a deft pull-back of the ball made it 5-2.

Cougars: Barbas, Strafela, B.Atanasovski, Z.Atanasovski, Roki. **Subs:** Gaitan, Kantor. **Allstars:** Thurlow, Dolton, Skeltern, Ross, White. **Subs:** Delgudice, Stromquizez, Sutherland, Gilligan.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Michael Roki (PC) 2 Zoran Atanasovski (PC) 1 Boris Atanasovski (PC) **PARRAMATTA SPARTANS 5** (B.Duval 3 and Spirovski 2) **GRIDLINE EAGLES 2** (Blagojevic and Filipovic)

WITHOUT doubt the upset of the year. The enigmatic Parramatta Enduro Spartans toppling the leaders Gridline Eagles from their perch on top of the table.

Minus Zoran Blazic and Mirko Radosavljevic through suspension, the Eagles were never really in the hunt and suffered from some poor defensive lapses.

Credit to the Spartans, especially the Duval brothers, Brett and Steve who took their chances.

The Gridline side surrendered in the match and in doing so, also surrendered first place in the league to the Tornadoses, who they'd beaten the week previous to remain on top.

For the Enduro boys, Victor Mourinho also did all that was needed of him in between the sticks.

BUFFALO Points: 2 Victor Mourinho (PES) 2 Steve Duval (PES) 1 Brett Duval (PES) 1 Carlos Akkary (PES).

SYDNEY TOYOTA TORNADOES 8 (Cassar 2, Jeffery 2, Erkin Osman 2, Lembryk and Stuart)
IMB ILLAWARRA STINGERS 1 (Cloccl)
at Fairfield

FOLLOWING the disappointing defeat at the hands of Gridline the previous week, Sydney Tornados bounced back as they thrashed IMB 8-1.

Anthony Cassar did much of the damage early, cracking a couple in quick time whilst Glen Jeffery and Erkin Osman wrapped it up at the end.

Tornadoses: Psaroudis, Lembryk, Ormord, Cassar, Tour. **Subs:** Knight, Stuart, Jeffery. **Stingers:** Sales, Wunsch, Tupanceski, Calderon, Cloccl. **Subs:** Prentoski, Skerteski

BUFFALO Points: 3 Anthony Cassar (STT) 1 John Lembryk (STT) 1 Glen Jeffery (STT) 1 Erkin Osman (STT)

SYDNEY TOYOTA TORNADOES 5 (Jeffery 3 and Knight 2) **PERTH COUGARS 4** (Z.Atanasovski 2, B.Atanasovski and Roki)
at Fairfield

"This is the best team we've played." High praise from Tornadoses' manager Benny Pinchas for the Perth Cougars, but he is not the only one who sees it that way.

Perth have impressed everyone with their professional approach and play. The match-up with the champions was another rip-roarer at the Fairfield Leisure Centre.

Whereas last week Steve Knight's side were on the wrong end of a one-goal difference scoreline, this time they pipped the Cougars with just 20 seconds to go — through Knight himself.

After just a minute Glen Jeffery put the home side ahead but Zoran Atanasovski replied, and it was to be like that throughout until Michael Roki, once again impressing, put the Cougars 4-3 ahead with two minutes remaining.

But Jeffery grabbed his hat-trick as he made it 4-4 and then Knight bobbed up for his second and the Tornadoses carried off the two points.

Admittedly, if it hadn't been for Cougars' keeper Colin Barbas the Tornadoses may have had quite a few more, he was in inspired form.

Tornadoses: Carlisle, Knight, Stuart, Jeffery, Cassar. **Subs:** Erkin Osman.

Cougars: Barbas, Strafela, B.Atanasovski, Z.Atanasovski, Roki. **Subs:** Gaitan, Kantor.

BUFFALO Points: 2 Steve Knight (STT) 2 Colin Barbas (PC) 2 Glen Jeffery (STT)

GEELONG 10 (E.Radojevic 3, Stojanovski 3, Fiplan 2, McAuliffe and Dimovski)
BUNDABERG 3 (Trebbini 3)

AGAIN Bundaberg fell victim to a late finish as Geelong, without their star Robbie Noggler yet again, smashed six goals in the closing stages to take the match after being headed 3-2 at one stage.

BUFFALO Points: 3 Peter Stojanovski (GCC) 2 Steve McAuliffe (GCC) 1 Neil Trebbini (BC)

GEELONG CC's Cats trounced their Queensland opponents in their JHNISL matches on the weekend.

On Saturday night, the Cats beat the Brisbane Bombers 7-4. Eddie Radojevic and George Dimovski had their best matches of the season so far and Radojevic scored twice and Dimovski once. Defender, McAuliffe, weighed in with a brace and Joe Fopiani and Peter Stojanovski got the others. Lucky Inturnsi saved a penalty which boosted the Cats' morale.

On Sunday, it was the Bundaberg Canecutters who felt the power of the Cats. At the start, the home team looked good and went to a 3-2 lead at the interval, only for the Cats to pick up their game in the

second period. The turning point came when Steve McAuliffe produced one of his block-busting shots from the edge of his own penalty area. Such was its power that the opposing keeper was left helpless as it screamed past him into the net. After that, Bundaberg fell apart and the Cats ran out winners 10-3.

Eddie Radojevic had another fine game while Peter Stojanovski was rated man-of-the-match by the referee. Both scored hat-tricks. Joe Fopiani added two and Steve McAuliffe and George Dimovski one apiece.

THOMASTOWN TWISTIES 10 (F.Carvalho 3, Metaxas 3, Futjo 3

and Hackett)

BUNDABERG C'UTTERS 5 (J.Giovannoni 2, D.Giovannoni, T.Giovannoni and Felesina)

It was a tough and hard encounter where the Twisties grabbed the first goal and took the initiative.

The visitors led 5-3 at the break and it was not until a five goal splurge in the final six minutes, where John Metaxas and Ivan Futjo cut loose that they could get out of Bundaberg's reach.

BUFFALO Points: 3 John Metaxas (TTC) 2 Ivan Futjo (TTC) 1 Danny Walk (BC)

Update . . . Strongly rumoured is Hector Martinez to move from Parramatta Spartans to the IMB Illawarra Stingers . . . Whilst on IMB, the Building Society is so pleased with the exposure it has received from Illawarra, that Terry Pearce reports they will be back with a large sum next year . . . the Stingers, despite being settled and happy at the Wollongong University are to move to the 'Snakepit', which they'll share with the Illawarra Basketball side . . . rumoured also is Harry Michaels not only buying into the Wollongong Wolves but also the Stingers



Gridline Eagle's MIRKO RADOSAVLEJEVIC charges past Anthony Cassar (Tornadoses). Watching are Vince Nastoski and Erkin Osman. Picture Michael Sara

FRANK COLETTA reports on the JHNISL.

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PERTH COUGARS

The James Hardie Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYDNEY Tornadoses	15	14	0	1	97	34	28
GRIDLINE Eagles	15	12	2	1	121	56	26
PERTH Cougars	16	11	1	4	126	70	23
PARRAMATTA Spartans	16	10	0	6	91	69	20
LOTTO Allstars	15	9	2	4	61	43	20
CANBERRA Rockets	16	7	1	8	81	89	15
THOMASTOWN Twisties	14	7	0	7	76	68	14
GEELONG CC's Cats	16	6	2	8	74	75	14
CANBERRA Strikers	16	6	1	9	118	94	13
ILLAWARRA Stingers	16	5	0	11	62	74	10
BRISBANE Bombers	18	2	0	16	54	136	4
BUNDABERG C'cutters	15	1	0	14	36	187	2

This weeks results

Parramatta Spartans 5 Gridline Eagles 2
Sydney Tornadoses 8 Illawarra Stingers 1
Perth Cougars 5 Lotto Allstars 2
Lotto Allstars 5 Illawarra Stingers 2
Geelong CC's 7 Brisbane Bombers 4
Thomastown Twisties 10 Bundaberg 5
Sydney Tornadoses 5 Perth Cougars 4
Geelong CC's 10 Bundaberg 3
Thomastown Twisties 14 Brisbane Bombers 2

BUFFALO Top Scorers

The Sharpshooters

54 Radovan Filipovic (Eagles)
46 Zoran Atanasovski (Cougars)
37 Jim Kanandis (Strikers)
32 Robbie Noggler (CC's)
31 Billy Stewart (Strikers)
26 Carlos Akkary (Spartans)
24 Michael Roki (Cougars)
23 Zoran Blazic (Eagles)
23 Glen Jeffery (Tornadoses)
21 Emil Maracic (Rockets)
21 Vince Nastoski (Eagles)
21 Steve Knight (Tornadoses)
20 John Metaxas (Twisties)
19 Stan Dukic (Rockets)
15 Peter Dameski (Spartans)
15 Billy Willox (Strikers)

BUFFALO PLAYER OF THE YEAR

28 — Radovan Filipovic (Eagles)
25 — Robbie Noggler (CC's)
18 — Steve Knight (Tornadoses)
14 — Zoran Blazic (Eagles)
14 — Michael Roki (Cougars)
13 — Billy Stewart (Strikers)
13 — Jim Kanandis (Strikers)
13 — Stan Dukic (Rockets)
13 — Vlado Strafela (Cougars)
11 — Carlos Akkary (Spartans)
11 — John Metaxas (Twisties)
11 — Zoran Atanasovski (Cougars)
10 — Peter Dameski (Spartans)

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Melb Croatia's Class

BY TOM PETERS

MELBOURNE Croatia began the season by waltzing away with both the Victorian Buffalo Cup and the Interstate Ansett Cup.

The world lay before them, especially as they had secured Ian Wallace, one of the cleverest forwards to come to Australia, and then Partick Thistle's Willie Herd.

Very few would have felt that Croatia would have failed to find a top position, and indeed on their day they were as good as any other unit in Australia.

Terry Hennessey, the well-considered former Welsh international, was in place as coach with former Soccerroo Peter Ollerton as his assistant.

But Terry unfortunately struck a health problem and finally had to stand down.

It seemed at that stage that Ollerton would be moving back to the Victorian State League so that he could control his own show, but the changed circumstances saw the Croatia management move swiftly to secure his services.

Any team with a defence which contained such practitioners as Ian Dobson, George Hannah, Dave McIntosh, Robbie Dunn and Alan Davidson must be considered as one which will stand up against any attack.

Davidson had been secured from South Mel-

bourne, Dunn and Alan Scott from Adelaide Hellas and Paul Lewis from Green Gully.

Jim McLean looked as if he could be a real asset, but he was one who drifted away.

Unfortunately it took time for the gifted Davidson to reach match fitness, but when he did he played with all the aplomb of old.

Ultimately the team ended ninth on the ladder, with Paul Lewis excelling with 11 goals.

Next came Wallace on six, but beyond that the cupboard was bare.

The end of the year has seen Wallace ready to return home to recuperate

from an unfortunate leg break, and Herd is under a cloud because he is asking for more money for 1988 than the club can afford.

Ollerton is seeking Jeff Oliver for goals and offering Lewis in exchange. He won't want to play in State League.

All White Fred de Jong will come from New Zealand to add to the scoring power.

Unfortunately the Melbourne Croatia crowds have slipped badly. A team is one thing, but the club need the return of a strong support background to justify their tremendous expenditure.



Les Shorrock captures the action of the Dockerty Cup Final between Brunswick and Heidelberg.



BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS skipper BRIAN BROWN hoists the Dockerty Cup aloft, after his side's victory over Heidelberg. Photo Les Shorrock.

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SA No 5 Woods, beats NSW full-back Yound (2) in a midair duel for the ball.

Results

NSW 2 SA 0, ACT 0 NSW 2, Vic 3 ACT 2, SA 2 Vic 0, NSW 0 Vic 0, Qld 0 Vic 2, SA 1 Qld 0, NSW 2 Qld 0, Qld 1 ACT 2, SA 2 ACT 0.

Steve Wellings (Army Qld), Jimmy Ellison (Army NSW), Andy Campbell (RAAF NSW), Neil Quarumby (Army NSW), Aaron 'Skip' Bray (Army Vic), Hayden Hyness (RAAF SA), Terry Garside (Navy NSW), Jim Bakker (Army NSW), Eric Relmsdyk (RAAF SA), Ian McGibbon (RAAF ACT), Paul Pisarek (RAAF SA), Allan Woods (Army SA), Billy Young (Navy NSW), Pete Hipscombe (Navy NSW), Gary 'Polly' Farmer (RAAF SA), Craig Charters (Army NSW), Gordon 'Doc' Livingston (Navy Vic), Keith White (RAAF Vic), Russel Langsdale (NSW), Paul Ridder (RAAF Qld). Coaches: Dick Coulter (RAAF SA), Paul Denny (Navy NSW).



Queensland goalkeeper Steve Wellings (Army) goes airborne for a save.

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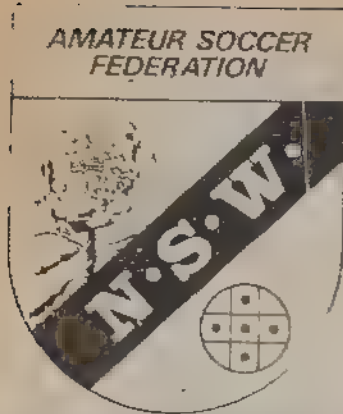
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The winning NSW team following the presentation. Smiles were the order of the day.



AMATEUR SOCCER
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RUSHY'S CORNER

A number of changes will take place within the structure of the NSW Youth League next year.

The changes were implemented at the Annual General Meeting of the Sydney branch of the NSWASF last weekend.

The most significant of which is that the League next season will consist of U13, 14, 15 and joint U16-17s.

The new executive is as follows: President: Bill McIlveen, replacing John Hedison.

Senior Vice President: Frank Wilson, replacing Bill McIlveen.

Junior Vice President: Ralph Hunter, replacing Mrs Florence Stephenson.

Secretary: Jim Forest.

Assistant Secretary: Brian Grant, replacing Fred Bones.

Treasurer: Jim Bryson.

Registrar: Frank Broughton.

Publicity Officer: Naomi Golding, replacing Barry Leatherbarrow.

Competition Secretary: Bill Cullinan.

Bill is already a life member of Gladesville-Hornsby Association and began his career as Competition Secretary by taking over from Dick Bates after his tragic death.

Bill joins other notable life members such as Les Fairclough, George Churchward, Harry Denning, Fred Bones, Rod Woods, Frank Broughton, Ken Derrett, Eric Arneil and Brian Emery.

Congratulations, Bill, on a tremendous achievement.

Best wishes to all Australian Soccer Weekly readers for Christmas and the New Year.

RUSHY

YOUNG STAR



WHEN this picture was taken Pedro Ricoy was a member of the St George team in the NSW Under 16 Youth League.

Since then young Pedro has won a place in the St George NSL team, and this year he was one of this stars and scorers when they defeated Apia — Leichhardt 4-0 in the grand final at Parramatta Stadium.

At 20 he has won through at St George, which in the past has fielded great midfielders such as Peter Stone, John O'Shea and Mark Barton.

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JOINT UNDER 16/17 FAVOURED

HOW SUCCESSFUL WAS YOUR SEASON?

PART 2

BY STEVE DABY

AS a junior coach your main aim was the skill and social development of your young players. Or was it? Were you ever so pre-occupied with ladder positions that you ignored a skill session or even abused an eight year old?

In its most simple form perhaps a light-hearted view of self evaluation could be - did you break one of the ten commandments.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF JUNIOR COACHING

1 Coaches are enthusiastic, as enthusiasm is infectious.

2 They are punctual and regular for training and they wear a track suit.

3 They believe in the skill development of the child.

4 They believe in the development of sportsmanship and they do not abuse officials.

5 They act as role models for the children, they do not swear, smoke or drink in front of them.



6 They do not give young children fitness sessions.

7 They remember that children are not little adults.

8 They attend courses to develop knowledge.

9 They never abuse the children for technical mistakes.

10 They don't worry about the game results. (It's great if they win, it's not the end of the world if they don't.)

The unwritten eleventh commandment is that they enjoy coaching themselves.

At times it will seem a thankless task, but the kids will always remember you and in hindsight will be grateful.

Next week the plan of a junior training session.

I was thrilled to be named as one of four reserves for the final squad of the Australian team but disappointed that I didn't make the final 16-man squad that went to Taiwan for the elimination match," he said.

His other great achievements have been winning the Under-14 national titles with NSW and winning the State Championship with Apia in the same year.

Cosentino is a Year 11 student at Christian Brothers Lewisham. After completing his HSC he intends becoming a PE teacher and continuing his Soccer career.

Like many other young Soccer players, Cosentino's long-term ambitions is to play Soccer overseas.

"I'd like to play in Europe, especially Italy, but a country like England will do," he said.

"If I have to stay in Australia, I'd play for Apia because I like it here and have been playing for them since I was 13."

He has also got his eye on the combined NSW Catholic Colleges open Soccer team selection.

Cosentino is small in stature but what he lacks in height he more than makes up for in pace, skill and determination.

"A disadvantage for me is my height. A lot of coaches don't think I'm very good because of it. But the only way to prove them wrong is to get on the field and show them I can play," he said.

Cosentino has been part of a successful Apia team in recent years. They were the under 14 State Champions in 1985 and last year. As Under 15s, they came third in the State Champions.

Cosentino first laced up a pair of boots as an eight-year-old when he played for his local Soccer club, Hurlstone Park. He then had a stint with Wests and is now in his fourth year with Apia.

There have been many people behind the success of Cosentino but he insists that his father and his present coach Robert Gabrielle have been the two most influential people in his career.

"I have been with my coach for four years now and he has taught me a lot in that time, while my father always gives me advice, tells me what I am doing wrong and comes to most if not all my matches," he said.

John Cosentino has got the incentive, attitude and potential to make sure his goals are realised. If he keeps going the way he is he should go all the way in Australian Soccer.

BANKSTOWN BOYS ARE TRIERS

THE Bankstown Under 13 squad had a reasonable year considering only one player had even represented his district before.

To all the others it was a brand new experience.

While they were not able to make the semi-finals, they made the teams who were positioned higher on the table fight every inch of the way.

The squad was made up of players from eight different clubs, two of which were outside Bankstown.

The coach, Brian Wallace, assisted by Rob Rowney, took these players who were almost total strangers and developed them into a competitive group.

It is hoped that all boys will return for the 1988 season so then improvement can be continued.

The job of the coaches was made particularly easy due to the eagerness of the players to develop their skills and willingness to compete in their matches, no matter what standard of opposition was encountered.

With the experience gained at this level in '87, the lads will finish a lot higher on the table in the coming Youth League season of '88. They will continue to entertain their loyal band of supporters with skill and sportsmanship.



BACK ROW L to R: Brian Wells (manager), Brian Wallace (coach), Rob Rowney (asst. coach). CENTRE ROW: Michael Stewart, Damon Emannuel, Brett Hurley, Matthew Clark (v/c), Gregory Wade, John Masoni, Tony Naoum, Brook Payne. FRONT ROW: Bradley Fox, Barry Chami, Grant Harrison, Robert Zagari (capt), Trent Dawes, Daniel Cooper. INSERT: Joshua Wells.

HERE is young Joshua Wells, who missed out on being included in the Bankstown Under 13 Youth League group. Sounds like young Josh knows what he was up to, because he comes in on the big picture.



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SATURDAY, 14th
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MARCONI U13S ATTAIN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

MARCONI U13s proved to be the most successful team in the Youth League, of any age group this year.

Beginning the year with a successful campaign in winning the GUCCI Shield (formerly Mini Ampol Cup) continuing Marconi's dominance in this pre season competition for U13 teams.

As a result of their early success they became the team that every other club wanted to defeat throughout the season.

After a few lapses mid season they finished the competition in fourth position scoring 70 goals and conceding only 24.

It was then that the determination, courage and skill instilled in this team by their coach Sam D'Alessandro came to the fore as they defeated Canterbury Association 4-2 after being down 0-2.

This superb comeback was followed by excellent wins over APIA 2-1 and

Sydney Olympic 3-0 in the Grand Final and thereby being declared Metropolitan Champions.

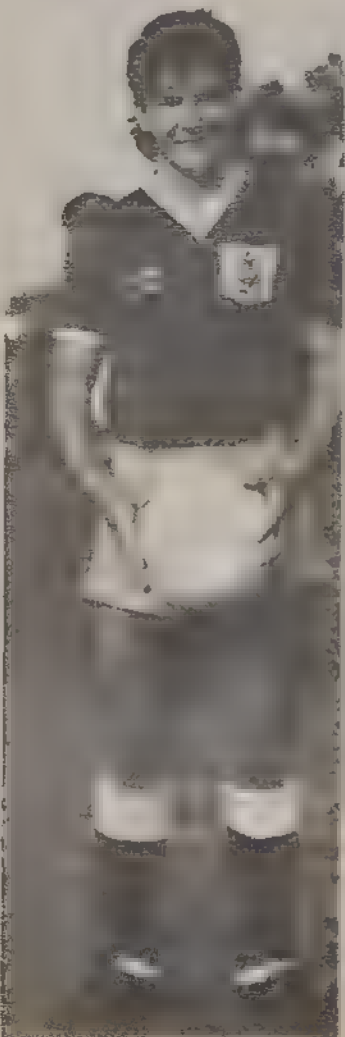
They then represented Sydney and their club with distinction as they went about winning the State Championship in Parkes, where they were well received by the country teams for their sportsmanship, friendliness and playing skill.

Congratulations to the players and also to their coach Sam and manager Dino Di-Bono, for their efforts in bringing out the best in this team and enabling them to attain the success they so justly deserved. Well done, boys.

Members of the Marconi squad were: Dino Di-Bono (manager), Stephen Santucci, Darren Iocca, Darren Surjan, Andres Monge, Tony Battisti (captain), David Stretenovic, Robert Pellizzeri, Antony Spagnolo, Sam D'Alessandro (coach), Frank Messina, Jeff, Paul Battisti, Paul Bortolussio, Angelo.

COSENTINO OFF TO FIORENTINA

APIA youngster John Cosentino will be off next month for a short spell with Italian glamour club Fiorentina.



APIA'S
JOHN COSENTINO

Cosentino was voted the Maroon's best and fairest player of the year.

He had a disappointment when he was overlooked for the Australian under 16 team which played in the World under 16 Cup in Canada last July.

But that omission has turned into a marvellous opportunity to learn from the professionalism of a club in the wonderful Italian League.

Cosentino idolises Soccer captain Charlie Yankos as well as Apia's first grade centre-forward Rod Brown.

Overseas, Italian captain Gaetano Scirea and French midfielder Michel Platini are the players Cosentino admires most.

One of his greatest achievements was making the Australian team as a shadow player last year, but he also classifies this achievement as his biggest disappointment.

VICTORIA

STATE LEAGUE

FINAL TABLES FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maribymong	28	18	6	4	43	23	42
Green Gully	28	14	11	3	43	27	39
Fawkner	28	16	6	6	45	24	38
Caulfield City	28	12	11	5	39	25	35
St. Albans	28	12	10	6	39	29	34
Thomastown	28	10	11	7	31	33	31
Morwell Falcons	28	7	13	8	31	29	27
Springvale City	28	8	11	9	32	35	27
Western Suburbs	28	10	6	12	38	38	26
Box Hill	28	7	10	11	38	33	24
Croydon City	28	5	13	10	30	36	23
Oakleigh	28	8	6	14	38	47	22
Northcote City	28	8	5	15	25	48	21
Frankston Pines	28	6	7	15	33	50	19
Broadmeadows	28	4	4	20	25	53	12

STATE LEAGUE

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maribymong	28	19	5	4	85	28	43
Green Gully	28	15	6	7	65	31	36
Broadmeadows	28	17	2	9	70	43	36
Thomastown	28	15	6	7	54	35	36
Box Hill	28	13	9	6	53	36	35
Morwell Falcons	28	13	8	7	52	37	34
Fawkner	28	12	8	8	57	32	32
Croydon City	28	9	11	8	48	42	29
Caulfield City	28	12	5	11	68	72	28
St. Albans	28	12	4	12	61	54	28
Northcote City	28	6	10	12	43	55	22
Springvale City	28	8	4	16	43	67	20
Western Subs	28	6	4	18	52	91	16
Frankston Pines	28	5	3	20	39	93	13
Oakleigh	28	4	3	21	39	93	11

VIC ONE

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulleen	26	20	2	4	44	14	42
Ringwood City	26	19	3	4	51	14	41
Altona Gate	26	14	7	5	38	16	35
Knox City	26	14	5	7	44	27	33
Nth Dandenong	26	14	4	8	40	24	32
Sunbury Utd	26	13	6	7	37	26	32
Albion Rovers	26	11	5	10	32	31	27

RESERVES

Wernbee	26	6	10	10	23	30	22
Nunawading City	26	5	9	12	23	30	19
SM Mordialloc	26	5	7	14	28	46	17
Richmond	26	1	13	12	13	43	15
Doncaster Rvrs	26	4	4	18	20	58	12
Melbourne	26	3	6	17	13	53	12
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Altona Gate	26	18	5	4	64	34	40
Nth Dandenong	26	18	5	5	58	30	37
Bulleen	26	14	8	6	53	38	34
Ringwood City	26	14	2	10	61	37	30
Essendon City	26	12	6	8	51	40	30
Nunawading City	26	12	6	8	45	36	30
Doncaster Rvrs	26	11	7	8	46	49	29
Knox City	26	9	10	7	60	49	28
Wernbee	26	8	8	10	37	44	24
Albion	26	7	5	13	33	52	24
Melbourne	26	6	6	14	31	38	18
SM Mordialloc	26	6	4	16	45	58	16
Sunbury Utd	26	6	4	16	46	64	16
Richmond	26	4	5	17	28	101	13
VIC TWO							
Westgate	26	17	4	5	65	35	38
Moooloolbark	26	16	5	5	53	21	37

RESERVES

Altona Gate	26	18	4	4	64	34	40
Nth Dandenong	26	15	5	5	58	30	37
Bulleen	26	14	6	6	53	38	34
Ringwood City	26	14	2	10	61	37	30
Essendon City	26	12	6	8	51	40	30
Nunawading City	26	12	6	8	45	36	30
Doncaster Rvrs	26	11	7	8	46	49	29
Knox City	26	9	10	7	60	39	28
Wernbee	26	8	8	10	37	44	24
Albion	26	7	5	14	33	52	19
Melbourne	26	6	6	14	31	38	18
SM Mordialloc	26	6	4	16	45	64	16
Sunbury Utd	26	6	4	16	48	64	16
Richmond	26	4	5	17	28	101	13

VIC TWO

Westgate	26	17	4	5	65	35	38
Mooroolbark	26	16	5	5	53	21	37

VIC TWO

Westgate	26	17	4	5	65	35	38
Mooroolbark	26	16	5	5	53	21	37

Sandringham	26	15	7	4	39	25	37
Nth Geelong	26	14	6	6	42	32	34
Clifton Hill	26	11	9	6	47	29	31
Dandenong City	26	13	5	8	34	25	31
Prahran City	26	10	9	7	48	33	29
Waverley City	26	10	7	9	39	35	27
Altona City	26	8	9	9	39	35	25
Ringwood Utd	26	8	7	11	33	36	23
Eltham	26	6	7	13	33	56	20
Doveton	26	4	7	15	25	39	15
Hanlynn Rvrs	26	2	7	17	27	63	11
Mornington	26	1	4	21	19	79	6

RESERVES

Doveton	26	17	8	1	60	14	42
Clifton Hill	26	16	5	5	74	26	37
Sandringham	26	13	8	5	46	32	34
Eltham	26	15	3	8	58	40	33
Mooroolbark	26	12	8	6	42	23	32
Waverley City	26	12	7	7	59	41	31
Nth Geelong	26	11	6	9	58	37	28
Westgate	26	11	5	10	46	30	27
Altona City	26	9	5	12	38	36	23
Dandenong City	26	8	6	12	30	31	22
Prahran City	26	9	2	15	48	52	20
Ringwood Utd	26	5	8	13	31	60	18
Hanlynn Rangers	26	4	9	13	23	46	17
Mornington	26	0	0	26	12	157	0

VIC THREE

West Brunswick	24	15	3	6	43	22	33
Kellor	24	13	7	4	38	23	33
Port Melbourne	24	11	8	5	41	28	30
Springvale Utd	24	11	4	9	40	45	26
Clanville	24	9	7	8	42	37	25
Yallourn	24	8	8	8	29	26	24
Bell Park	24	10	3	11	35	42	23
Cono/Geelong	24	6	9	9	30	34	21
Moreland Pk Rgr	24	6	9	9	32	41	21
Moorabbin City	24	6	8	10	31	34	20
Geelong	24	9	2	13	27	39	20
Rosanna	24	7	5	12	32	35	18
F.T. Gully	24	7	3	14	31	43	17

RESERVES

Moorabbin City	24	17	5	2	64	15	39
West Brunswick	24	18	2	4	54	31	37
Yallourn	24	17	3	4	75	22	37
Clanville	24	10	8	6	63	45	28
Kellor	24	11	6	7	62	45	28
Rosanna	24	11	4	9	54	42	26
Moreland Pk Rgr	24	8	8	8	41	38	24
Port Melbourne	24	9	4	11	38	32	22
Cono/Geelong	24	6	7	11	31	42	19
F T Gully	24	7	4	13	36	54	18
Bell Park	24	3	8	13	20	55	14
Springvale Utd	24	6	1	17	33	73	13
Geelong	24	1	4	19	14	85	6

Lalor Utd	26	15	5	6	33	23	35
Seaford Utd	26	14	4	8	40	31	32
Hawthorn	26	12	8	6	45	37	32
Coburg	26	12	7	7	53	33	31
Pascoe Vale	26	12	7	7	41	26	31
Keysborough	26	11	8	7	51	33	30
Williamstown	26	10	7	9	39	40	27
Holland Park	26	10	5	11	46	43	25
Langwarrin	26	8	7	11	27	36	23
East Brunswick	26	9	3	14	34	47	21
Boronia	26	7	6	13	37	41	20
Karingal Utd	26	7	6	13	36	49	20
Diamond Vly Utd	26	7	5	14	25	37	19
Prahran	26	7	4	15	28	58	18

RESERVES

Diamond Vly Utd.....	26	21	3	2	93	23	45
Lalor Utd.....	26	18	7	1	80	29	43
Hawthorn.....	26	12	7	7	58	50	31
Boronia.....	26	11	7	8	56	37	29
Coburg.....	26	12	5	9	47	41	29
Langwarrin.....	26	10	8	8	40	40	28
Keysborough.....	26	9	8	9	38	32	26
Karingal Utd.....	26	10	6	10	44	41	26
Seaford Utd.....	26	11	4	11	53	51	25
Holland Park.....	26	10	4	12	46	56	24
Williamstown.....	26	6	8	12	35	72	20
Prahran.....	26	8	1	17	38	64	17
Pascoe Vale.....	26	5	5	16	38	60	15
East Brunswick.....	26	3	1	22	24	117	5

PROV ONE

Chelsea	24	14	6	4	48	23	34
Greensborough	24	14	5	5	56	26	33
Clayton	24	15	3	6	58	37	33
Malvern City	24	13	6	5	38	22	32
Nth Sunshine	24	13	3	8	40	26	29
Ivanhoe City	24	11	5	8	33	25	27
Ardeer	24	9	5	10	34	30	23
Melton	24	10	3	11	40	39	23
Ballerist	24	9	4	11	39	39	22
Regent	24	6	6	12	23	29	18
Central City	24	6	2	16	28	72	14
East Geelong	24	4	5	15	26	48	13
Brighton	24	4	3	17	21	67	11

RESERVES

Ivanhoe City	24	19	3	2	71	18	41
Clayton	24	18	1	5	73	20	37
Malvern City	24	15	2	7	92	40	32
Nth Sunshine	24	15	2	7	60	31	32
Bakkarat	24	14	2	8	58	36	30
Ardeer	24	13	3	8	68	35	29
Melton	24	12	1	11	55	41	25
Greensborough	24	11	3	10	54	61	25
Regent	24	9	5	10	47	53	23
Brighton	24	2	7	15	29	68	11

Chelsea	24	4	3	17	36	132	11
Central City	24	2	5	17	26	87	9
East Geelong	24	3	1	20	42	85	7

PROV TWO

Westmeadows	26	18	7	1	73	34	43
Mossfield	26	17	2	7	53	28	36
Brunswick City	26	15	6	5	55	32	36
Cransbourne	26	15	6	5	49	28	36
Berwick City	26	14	7	5	47	27	35
Ascot Vale City	26	14	6	6	57	32	34
Stn Yarra	26	11	4	11	43	42	26
Monbulk	26	10	4	12	30	40	24
Monash Uni	26	8	7	11	44	45	23
Dingley Utd	26	6	7	13	34	39	19
Batman Utd	26	9	1	16	38	63	19
Glenroy	26	7	4	15	39	48	19
Forest Hill	26	5	2	19	25	69	12
Wandam	25	1	1	24	26	88	1

EIGHTH COMBINED SERVICES CARNIVAL

THE 1987 Australian Combined Services Soccer Association annual interstate carnival was held in Sydney at HMAS Nirimba recently.

NSW took over as champions, by a point from South Australia.

The tournament started with weather forcing a delay of one day and an alternative venue for the first two matches.

NSW and ACT opened the series and the ACT surprised everyone with their strength and teamwork compared to previous carnivals. NSW eventually ran out the winners 2-0.

SA, last year's runners-up, had a hard game to beat Qld 1-0.

The following day, back at the original venue of HMAS Nirimba, Vic were very lucky to beat ACT 3-2. Goalkeeping errors cost the ACT the game. NSW beat Qld 2-0 in the second match of the day.

The carnival continued into the weekend to catch up on the washed out day. NSW and Vic had 2-0 wins over SA and Qld respectively.

Monday saw Vic lose their first match against SA and ACT win their first game since 1982 when they successfully beat Qld 2-1.

The NSW-Victoria game on the final day was an excellent match, good football, chances and a hard clean game resulting in a 0-0 draw. SA followed up by beating the ACT 2-0.

This was the most open carnival that ACSSA has run in its 10 year operation.

The standard of football was high, there was a good spirit and only one card was given.

It is interesting to note that the biggest winning margin was only two goals. There were 21 goals scored by 18 different players in the 10 matches with only two players scoring more than one goal. T. Gar-side of NSW scored three and A. Bray of Vic netted two.

Final points: NSW 7, SA 6, Vic 5, ACT 2, Qld 0.

The annual match, Australian Services versus Australian Universities, was not played due to an overseas tour by the Universities.



Victorian goalkeeper Sandy Barclay (RAAF) safely holds a SA cross while two of his defenders cover.



ACT and NAVY Ned Sparks beats Qld's Steve Alchin (Navy).



SA goalkeeper Fagan punches clear a corner while Farmer (2) and Campbell stand on the post.

SIR STAN

SIR Stanley Matthews is 72 years old, born February 1915.

He was my idol and hero and I always knew he was two months older than me. I never ever missed seeing him play back in the Old Dart, if he was within a reasonable distance.

The greatest thrill I ever had was a few years ago over at Camden when he shook my hand and taught my grandson a few tricks of the trade. Incidentally he now lives in Canada.

What a man, a one in a lifetime. Could you image Pele-Best-Charlton-Maradona playing in the English 1st Division at 50 years and three months.

Regarding the recent Centenary game at Wembley, with all due respects to Pele and seeing it was the English F.A. Centenary, don't you think it would have been appropriate for the greatest ever English player to have presented the trophy to the winning captain? Was he even invited to the game?

John Best
Bass Hill 2197

PERTH ISSUE

YOUR front page article on Perth's NSL bid (ASW Sept 2nd) raises an important issue with the future of the National League, that is, financial backing and more importantly, community involvement.

At a time when several National League clubs are struggling along with poor crowd figures and lack of community identi-

ty, the Perth bid should be locked upon by all, not only with enthusiasm and pride, but as a model which inspires quality in sports entertainment.

Should their NSL bid succeed, Perth will indeed be the Mecca of Australian soccer because their vital ingredients of big finance, professional marketing and community identity, all add up to one very successful soccer recipe.

Steven Tsimboukis,
St Ives NSW

INTEREST

IT is now more than 12 months ago that I lost my husband. He was the keenest soccer fan you'll ever know! His love for soccer spanned 70 years. Starting at an early age in Bratislava, he became a youth international and was still playing his regular Sunday social game in Centennial Park with the Old Boys (ex-Prague greats, Hakoah and Budapest players more than 30 years his junior) when he was 74 years of age.

The soccer-competition-starved summer months were always a boring time for him. Eagerly he would be looking forward to the beginning of the football season, watching the young St George Budapest players in their early training runs and pre-season friendlies.

And during the season I would be there with him every Sunday afternoon cheering-on "our" team.

When he became suddenly ill during August

'86, he left his sick bed to go to Barton Park to watch St George win, and in hospital, the last paper he requested to read before he died, was the Australian Soccer Weekly. I still have that copy.

After his death I completely lost interest in the game and only recently picked up my first ASW this year because St George were doing so well and the daily newspapers were not giving enough details.

With great sadness I

which have made ASW a really fully comprehensive Soccer publication.

For instance, I can read about "my" NSL team, about the "grandchildren" at Queens Park, the soccer games their young mothers play, my (lower grade) State League team Concordia, about indoor soccer (my son's interest) and the occasional news item about German and English teams.

As I said before, a very comprehensive cover of the greatest football code there is. My husband, the late Rapkay Miklos (alias



listlessly scanned the pages at first and then slowly but surely I felt my interest return.

Suddenly I could see the changes in your paper

Soli Clark) would have thoroughly approved.

Thanks for re-stimulating my soccer interest.

(Mrs) E. Rapkay,
Randwick 2031.

[Thank you for writing, Mrs Rapkay — Ed.]

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters are to be sent to the Editor, to address — ASW PO Box 406 Broadway, NSW 2007.

THAT 'WAR'

I READ your articles on both indoor and outdoor Soccer every week and I am extremely concerned about the future of the code when I read about the "war" between the indoor and outdoor officials.

It disturbs me that weightlifters are allowed to be powerlifters, indoor crickets are permitted to play outdoor cricket and lawn bowlers also play indoor bowls. Please tell me if there is any difference in this instance.

I always thought sporting administrators like Mr Havelange from FIFA and Sir Arthur George from the ASF were appointed to their positions for their genuine interest in players and not for political reasons. It seems strange that they would want to stop any kids from playing Soccer, so why are they being so childish, after all players aren't really interested in their little political games.

How these administrators can threaten to ban any kids who want to play indoor Soccer from playing outdoor Soccer is impossible for me to understand. There is no doubt that the skills learned from indoor are beneficial to outdoor players.

Last night I watched the most exciting National League indoor game I have ever witnessed. Thomastown Twisties were 5-0 down at half time, and came back to win 9-7. Almost 1000 spectators screamed for the whole second half. Sixteen goals in two hours was really

great comparing to the two scoreless draws I recently watched at Olympic Park.

How would I ever watch another outdoor game?

I only hop that FIFA and the ASF will ban all outdoor players soon, so that all players can enjoy their games of indoor Soccer.

Even Melbourne Croatia seems to have suffered a loss of a crucial point for having played a 16 year old boy in a recent National League outdoor game, over a technicality.

It's about time that administrators of the ASF and FIFA showed some real guts and banned all the kids IN WRITING from playing outdoor soccer instead of just threatening and talking behind everyone's backs.

There is no need to ban me as I wouldn't want to play outdoors any more after having played the indoor game.

A. Petrovski,
Preston (Vic)

MORE MEDIA COVERAGE

IN a country where we boast about our democratic institutions (namely, the media), would somebody please tell me why the VFL and rugby league continued to receive hour by hour coverage on radio news bulletins, on a daily basis, while soccer is left in the dark with virtually no such coverage.

According to one recent article in a leading Sydney newspaper, soccer was voted a very close second behind rugby league as the most interesting spectator sport.

By disregarding such a huge market potential,

one would think that our leading media groups are not only doing an injustice to the most widely played sport in Australia, but at the same time limiting their very own readership circulation potential.

Steven Tsimboukis,
St Ives 2075

[With 35% of NSW people having an interest in Soccer the way is certainly there for mainline media to recognise the market potential. — Ed]

KIND ADVICE

STOP the imported players, and see that coaches use our local talent.

Soccer is skillful game, not a rugby or aussie code. For the last five or more years that what we are playing.

We need: Better management, better coaches, players the can play Soccer with more skill, more goal scoring, attacking Soccer, referees with more common sense to keep the game going, punish players who kill the time, give a chance to more local talent (juniors), no physical Soccer.

Soccer now is 10 feet under, and if we keeping going without these improvements we will get nowhere.

We need a lot more publicity. This is the only way to bring more spectators.

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WILL QPR STAY ON THE COURSE?

BY PAUL MOON

VIRTUALLY every English League season seems to produce early first division pacesetters but, as Queen's Park Rangers remain in contention for the title with over a quarter of the campaign completed, its challenge has been longer sustained than most.

This is not the first time that QPR has flirted with glory during its 102-year history.

Like many English clubs (Southampton, Bolton Wanderers and Everton are the others which spring quickly to mind), Rangers commenced life as the social section of a church, hence its original name, St Jude's Institute.

The club adopted its present title in 1887 and turned professional 11 years later. Unable to gain admission into the English League, which then operated a closed shop system, QPR obtained membership of the Southern League and soon made its presence felt, winning the championship of 1908 and 1912.

The initial success enabled it to participate in a piece of English soccer history — the very first FA Charity Shield game. The Shield has subsequently become an integral part of the domestic football calendar as the season curtainraiser.

After holding Manchester United, champions of the English League, to a 1-1 draw at neutral Chelsea, the south's banner carriers succumbed 4-0 in the replay.

Ironically, soon after this defeat the English Football Association decreed that in future there would be no second game in the event of a draw, instead the opposing teams would each hold the trophy for six months. The next four Charity Shield clashes also featured the best teams of the Southern League and English League, thus, Rangers met Blackburn Rovers in 1912 and lost 1-2.

In 1920, the Southern League's first division was drafted en masse to form the English League Division Three (South). It proved a tough grade to progress from, as only the champions were promoted into Division Two and, for two decades, mediocrity was Rangers' lot.

Rarely did it threaten to top the ladder and twice, in 1924 and 1926, finished bottom and had to apply for re-election to the League.

QPR was very much the Cinderella outfit of London football; an image its directors concluded was due much to the decrepit state of its Loftus Road ground. Consequently, in 1931, the club moved lock, stock and barrel to White City Stadium, setting of the 1908 Olympic Games.

Unfortunately, attendances did not improve sufficiently to warrant the rental of such luxurious

surroundings and, within two years, Loftus Road was re-occupied.

QPR's fortunes only improved after the Second World War. In the second season following the end of hostilities, they became Division Three (South) champions. Stars of this team were Reg Allen, a colourful and spectacular goalkeeper, and Ivor Powell, who gained caps for Wales as an old fashioned wing half. Alas, economics meant that Allen and Powell had to be sold to Manchester United

Rangers skipper Terry Fenwick has been unsettled by all the recent upheavals at Loftus Road.



and Aston Villa respectively. The necessity of selling their leading players, in order to balance the books, was a major factor in Rangers' return to their familiar status after just four seasons.

By finishing 10th in 1957-58's Division Three (South) table — two places above the half way cut off point, the west Londoners qualified for the English League Division Three in a new, de-regionalised structure.

They gained a reputation as the section's most enigmatic team until the 1966-67 season saw the endeavours of manager Alec Stock, who had been in charge for nine years, suddenly bear fruit.

Not only did that campaign bring the Third Division Championship, but also the Football League Cup (now known as the Littlewood's Cup) when first division West Brom-

wich Albion was defeated 3-2, after leading 2-0 at halftime, in the final at Wembley.

A year later, Rangers won a place in the first division, but its debut season in the top grade was to be an unmitigated disaster.

Bad early results and a spate of injuries affected morale, which plummeted when Stock resigned. Successor Tommy Docherty lasted less than a month and when Les Allen took the reins, QPR's cause had long been lost. It finished the season on 18 points — then a record low.

Within four seasons, Rangers had clawed its way back into Division One. This time it was to be nobody's whipping boy. By finishing eighth in

to his promptings, the Championship was theirs for the taking. But it was not to be. An unlikely 2-3 defeat at Norwich City on the penultimate Saturday of the program enabled Liverpool to sneak home by a single point. Qualification for the following season's UEFA Cup was scant consolation.

Bowles spearheaded Rangers first, and to date, only venture into Europe, scoring in each of the opening five games. Once again an opportunity for glory was squandered — after winning the quarter-final first leg against AEK Athens 3-0, it bowed out to the Greeks after a penalty shootout. That disappointing night signalled the start of a decline.

With Parkes' transfer to West Ham United and other key players around him sustaining long term injuries, retiring or approaching the veteran stage and not being adequately replaced, Bowles became more restless, unreliable and irresponsible as further weight was placed upon his shoulders. Before eventually moving to Nottingham Forest, he made no fewer than 34 transfer requests.

Almost inevitable, Rangers fell out of Division One in 1979, but only a small proportion of the blame can be directed at Bowles for few clubs could have sustained a similar playing staff loss and avoided deterioration of equal dimension.

The first two seasons back in the second division are remembered primarily for Tommy Docherty coming and going once more without setting the Thames alight.

The next turning point for Rangers came in October, 1980 when Terry Venables was appointed manager. Venables guided the club to an FA Cup final and restored it to Division One.

Not only were the foundations for today's success on the field laid by him. During his stay there, Loftus Road assumed the

1973-74 and 11th in 1974-75 QPR won respect, in 1975-76 it very nearly won the League itself.

Astute tactician Dave Sexton moulded an outstanding combination. The towering Phil Parkes was an imposing figure in goal, Frank McLintock steadiness itself at centre back, Scotland World Cup star Don Masson and England captain Gerry Francis ran midfield, whilst Eire striker Don Givens netted regularly.

Yet, it was Stan Bowles who captured the imagination of the Loftus Road faithful. Exhilarating ball skills and vision made Bowles an exceptional talent on the field; off it, his recklessness and much publicised personal problems (marital and gambling) added to the charisma.

Throughout 1975-76 he was irresistible and with all teammates responding



Gary Bannister of QPR holds off a Chelsea defender.

appearance of an authentic first division stadium.

For many years the ground was an embarrassment to Rangers who flirted with White City for a second time in 1962 and, a few years later, a proposal to share Griffin Park with Brentford went a long way towards fruition before being shelved.

Most reference books on British soccer carry the information that QPR have had more home grounds than any other English League club — 12. It is unlikely that it will choose to move again, for two modern stands were erected during the Venables Era which ended in 1984 when he moved to Barcelona.

During the era of current manager Jim Smith, Rangers has already reached a Littlewood's Cup final and greater achievements look distinctly possible.

Here are the men who have put Rangers back in the limelight.

DAVID SEAMAN: A former England under 21 international goalkeeper who has recently gained selection for his country's senior squad. A \$400,000 buy from Birmingham City last year, he previously served Leeds United and Peterborough United.

Age: 24. Birthplace: Rotherham.

IAN DAWES: A product of QPR's youth program, he signed professional forms for it in 1980 after representing England at schoolboy international-level. Originally a central defender but now utilised almost exclusively at left back.

Age: 24. Birthplace: Croydon.

MARK DENNIS: A top class defender whose appalling disciplinary record led to his transfer from Southampton for a

comparatively meagre \$150,000 earlier this year. He represented England three times at under 21 level when with his first senior club, Birmingham City.

Age: 26. Birthplace: Streatham.

TERRY FENWICK: A member of England's 1986 World Cup side, he has been a major facet of QPR's success this season — playing as a sweeper behind four defenders and confirming his versatility (he regularly switched between defensive positions and midfield earlier in his career). He followed Terry Venables from Crystal Palace in a \$200,000 transfer deal back in 1980.

Age: 27. Birthplace: County Durham.

GAVIN MAGUIRE: A former Rangers apprentice, he can play in defence or midfield and has spent much of the last couple of seasons on the substitutes' bench.

Age: 20. Birthplace: Hammersmith.

ALAN MCDONALD: Tall, blond central defender who has established himself as a key figure in the Northern Ireland senior international team in recent years. He joined QPR straight from school but spent a short period on loan to Charlton Athletic.

Age: 24. Birthplace: Belfast.

WARREN NEILL: Yet another product of QPR's youth scheme, he signed professional forms with the club in 1980 and has been a valuable squad member ever since. An excellent attacking full back.

Age: 24. Birthplace: Acton.

PAUL PARKER: Despite being small for a central defender (5'7") he has won caps for England at under 21 level and warranted a \$500,000 transfer fee when moving from Fulham earlier this year. Was rejected by West Ham United as a teenager.

Age: 23. Birthplace: Essex.

MARTIN ALLEN: A member of one of Britain's most famous footballing families, his cousins Clive and Paul are currently with Tottenham Hotspur, his nephew Les played with distinction for Tottenham and QPR in the 1960s and his father Dennis was a professional with Reading for nine years. An efficient midfielder, he joined Rangers immediately upon leaving school.

Age: 22. Birthplace: Reading.

KEVIN BROCK: A talented linkman whose career appeared to be on the wane after helping Oxford United rise from Division Three to Division One and winning England under 21 caps, he has rediscovered his best form

following a \$160,000 transfer during the English close season.

Age: 25. Birthplace: Middleton Stoney.

DAVID PEZANTI: A member of the Israel side which met Australia during the 1985 World Cup Oceania Qualifying Series, he was then an attacking full back but now usually plays in midfield. A \$200,000 transfer took him from Maccabi Netanya to Cologne and Rangers paid \$300,000 when bringing him from West Germany earlier this year.

Age: 25. Birthplace: Tel Aviv.

GARY BANNISTER: A free-scoring striker who cost Rangers \$400,000 when moving from Sheffield Wednesday in 1984. His first senior club was Coventry City. An England under 21 representative, his sister Julie is a women's hockey international.

Age: 27. Birthplace: Warrington.

JOHN BYRNE: An Eire international striker, he was the subject of a \$200,000 transfer when joining Rangers from York City in 1984. He has been handicapped by inconsistency.



Age: 26. Birthplace: Manchester.

DEAN CONEY: One of the six players bought by Rangers during the close season, Fulham received \$600,000 for his transfer. Another England under 21 representative, he plays as a striker-cum-left-winger now after being an out and out striker with Fulham.

Age: 24. Birthplace: Dagenham.

JIM SMITH (Manager): After a comparatively undistinguished playing career with Sheffield United, Aldershot, Halifax Town and Lincoln City, he earned much respect as manager of Blackburn Rovers, Colchester United, Birmingham City and Oxford United, guiding the latter three during promotion winning campaigns, before joining QPR in 1985. Known affectionately as "The Bald Eagle" throughout English football due to an almost total lack of hair, he is well served by a backroom staff which includes former Tottenham manager Peter Shreeve and ex Fulham boss Bobby Campbell.



The magical Stan Bowles.



UK UPDATE

QUEEN'S Park Rangers failed to take their opportunity to challenge the English first division leaders when they were held to a goalless draw at home by lowly-placed Watford.

The result brought joy to Watford's manager of six months, Dave Bassett, whose future at the club had been held to be on the line after six defeats in 12 matches.

But for third-placed Rangers, runaway first division leaders for the early part of the season, the afternoon was a difficult one.

With seven of the top eight teams out of action on the day, the Londoners had counted on an easy win to make up the three-point gap between themselves and leaders Liverpool and Arsenal.

The first division program was reduced to six matches after England manager Bobby Robson asked for fixtures involving his players in today's vital European Championship qualifying tie against Yugoslavia to be postponed.

Welsh manager Mike England, whose side have an equally important European Championship match in Czechoslovakia on the same day, was not granted the

same favor and suffered a blow when Oxford United defender Neil Slatter went off with a cut face after a clash with Coventry's David Speedie.

Oxford manager Maurice Evans said later Slatter would travel to Prague despite the cut and a dislocated nose.

Rangers looked in command throughout their match but were unable to produce the finishing touches.

The frustration was compounded when a 29th-minute goal by forward John Byrne was disallowed for offside.

The draw left Watford on equal points with bottom-placed Charlton who had Welsh international Andy Jones to thank for their second win of the season, against Norwich.

Jones set up a goal for winger Micky Bennett in the 15th minute and made it 2-0 himself five minutes later with his first home goal for Charlton since moving from third division Port Vale.

Brazil's Mirandinha returned to Newcastle after two weeks out of action with a hamstring injury but was unable to do anything to prevent a 4-0 defeat by Luton which owed much to last-minute replacements.

Twenty-one-year-old Mark Stein, replacing centre-forward Mick Harford who had influenza, scored twice and set

up the final goal for his older brother Brian in the 88th minute.

Nigerian international Meka Nwajioji, who started in place of injured winger Micky Weir, scored Luton's third in the 75th minute.

Sheffield Wednesday, despite a long injury list, deepened West Ham's gloom with a 1-0 win at the London side's Upton Park ground. West Ham have not won at home for 10 weeks.

Manchester City recorded the biggest victory in the English second division for 28 years with a 10-1 win over Huddersfield in a match in which saw three hat-tricks recorded.

Glasgow Celtic battled back from 1-0 down to earn a draw with Hearts despite the loss of defender Mick McCarthy in the meeting of the Scottish premier division leaders.

Irish international McCarthy was sent off in the 55th minute for his second bookable offence but captain Roy Aitken helped to save a point for Celtic with a high cross to Mark McGhee who scored in the 79th.

Hibernian missed a golden chance to take an early lead against Rangers and paid the penalty.

Andy Watson shot the ball wide of an empty goal and Rangers snatched the winner through Robert Fleck after 21 minutes.

Rangers have received permission from the Scottish FA to screen the second-leg of their European Cup clash with Gornik Zabrze live at Ibrox.

The club are anxious to deter their fans from travelling to Poland and will erect giant close-circuit TV screens at their ground instead.

● **Elre boss JACK CHARLTON** will come face to face with his predecessor EOIN HAND should the Republic accept an offer to play Saudi Arabia on Feb. 17.

● **Derby and Manchester City** are both chasing Carlisle's 18-year-old right-back MARK PATTERSON

Chelsea fans were shocked when DAVID SPEEDIE was named in the team programme for the recent Littlewoods Cup clash with Reading.

In fact the printers had mistakenly named last season's line-up, and there were ten changes to the team which actually played.

Said chairman Ken Bates: "Due to the incompetence of our programme printers, you will probably have a good laugh when you read the team sheet tonight."

"There is a rumour that they would also have included NIGEL SPACKMAN, PETER OSGOOD, TERRY VENABLES and JIMMY GREAVES but there wasn't room."

112 Entries for the 1990 World Cup

Of the 158 member associations of FIFA, 112 had sent in their entries by the deadline of 30 September for the qualifying rounds leading up to the World Cup in Italy in 1990.

The draw for the qualifying competitions will take place in Zurich on 12 December 1987.

Italy, the host country, and Argentina, the defending champions, automatically qualify for the final competition.

The European Football Union (UEFA), with 33 out of a possible 34 candidates, heads the list. Asia follows with 26, Africa with 23, Central and North America with 15, South America with 10 and Oceania/Israel with 5 Associations.

FIFA World Cup ITALIA '90 — Entries as at 30 September 1987

ASIA	AFRICA	CONCACAF	CONMEBOL	EUROPE	OCEANIA/ISRAEL
Members: 35 Entries: 26	Members: 47 Entries: 23	Members: 24 Entries: 15	Members: 10 Entries: 10	Members: 34 Entries: 33	Members: 6 + 1 Entries: 4 + 1
Bahrain Bangladesh China PR Hong Kong India Indonesia Iran Iraq Japan Jordan Korea DPR Korea Republic Kuwait Malaysia Maldives Nepal Oman Pakistan Qatar Saudi Arabia Singapore Syria Thailand United Arab Emirates Yemen Arab Republic Yemen PDR	Algeria Angola Burkina Faso Cameroon Egypt Ghana Ivory Coast Kenya Lesotho Liberia Malawi Morocco Nigeria Rwanda Sudan Togo Tunisia Uganda Zaire Zambia Zimbabwe	Antigua Canada Costa Rica Cuba Guatemala Guyana Honduras Jamaica Mexico Netherlands Panama Puerto Rico El Salvador Trinidad/Tobago USA	Argentina Bolivia Brazil Chile Colombia Ecuador Paraguay Peru Uruguay Venezuela	Albania Austria Belgium Bulgaria Cyprus Czechoslovakia Denmark England Finland France GDR Germany FR Greece Hungary Iceland Ireland Northern Ireland Republic Italy Luxembourg Malta Netherlands Norway Poland Romania Scotland Spain Sweden Switzerland Turkey USSR Wales Yugoslavia	Australia Chinese Taipei Fiji New Zealand Israel

Previous Entries from the Different Confederations 1970/1974/1978/1982/1986

2	11	13	10	30	2 + 1
14	24	14	10	33	2 + 1
16	24	14	10	32	2 + 1
18	28	15	10	33	3 + 1
25	29	18	10	33	3 + 1

AFRICA

2nd round

4.10.87 Tunisia v. Egypt	0-0	B. Labouiss, Morocco
13.11.87 Egypt v. Tunisia		B. Sene, Senegal
4.10.87 Ghana v. Cameroon	0-0	I. Sarr, Mauritania
14.11.87 Cameroon v. Ghana		M. Dornoh, Liberia
1.11.87 Ivory Coast v. Morocco		S. Bantimba, Congo
15.11.87 Morocco v. Ivory Coast		A. Bergui, Algeria
3.10.87 Uganda v. Zambia	2-1 (0-0)	T. Gebreyesus, Ethiopia
15.11.87 Zambia v. Uganda		B. Kalombo, Malawi
4.10.87 Zimbabwe v. Nigeria	0-0	H.A. Tahir, Tanzania
17.10.87 Nigeria v. Zimbabwe	2-0 (1-0)	M. Houmneke-Kouassi, Togo
Libya v. Algeria		
Algeria v. Libya		withdrawal Libya

ASIA

EAST ASIA

Group 1 (Nepal, Pakistan) — Tournament in Kathmandu, Nepal			
25.4.87	Nepal v. Nepal	2-2 (1-1)	A. S. Al Rergan, Saudi Arabia
28.4.87	Nepal v. Pakistan	1-0 (0-0)	H. Dezulily, Iran
Group 2 (Thailand, Malaysia, Korea DPR) — Tournament in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia			
14.3.87	Malaysia v. Thailand	0-1 (0-1)	J. A. R. Mandi, Bahrain
18.3.87	Thailand v. Malaysia	2-2 (2-1)	T. Chan Tam Sun, Hong Kong
	Thailand v. Korea DPR	2-0	forfeit
	Korea DPR v. Thailand	0-2	forfeit
	Malaysia v. Korea DPR	2-0	forfeit
	Korea DPR v. Malaysia	0-2	forfeit

Group 3 (Indonesia, Japan, Singapore)		
4.4.87	Singapore v. Indonesia	2:0 (0:0) O. Omar, Malaysia
8.4.87	Japan v. Indonesia	3:0 (1:0) D.H. Lee, Korea Rep
12.4.87	Japan v. Singapore	1:0 (0:0) B. Zhong, China PR
26.4.87	Indonesia v. Singapore	2:1 (1:0) T. Chan Tam Sun, Hong Kong
14.6.87	Singapore v. Japan	0:1 (0:1) S. Vuddhijoti, Thailand
26.6.87	Indonesia v. Japan	1:2 (0:0) R. Reyes, Philippines

Group 4 (China PR, Hong Kong, Philippines)			
3.4.87	Philip v Hong Kong *	0-5 (0-2)	T.B. Munthi, Singapore
6.4.87	Hong Kong v. Philip	postponed	Y. Okaya, Japan
10.4.87	China PR v. Philippines	9-0 (6-0)	A.S. Iqbal, India
13.4.87	Philip v China PR **	0-10 (0-6)	M. Ataul Haq, Bangladesh
19.4.87	Hong Kong v China PR	0-0	S. Hartasardjono, Indonesia
14.5.87	Hong Kong v. Philip	7-0 (5-0)	Y. Okaya, Japan
20.5.87	China PR v Hong Kong	1-0 (0-0)	T. Sano, Japan
* match played in Hong Kong			
** match played in China PR			

Final Round		
2.9.87	Thailand v. Japan	0-0 O Omar, Malaysia
15.9.87	Japan v. Nepal	5-0 (3-0) Chi Shing Au, Hong Kong
18.9.87	Nepal v. Japan *	0-9 (0-7) Chan Tam Sun, Hong Kong
23.9.87	China PR v. Nepal	8-0 (3-0) H. Dezulily, Iran
26.9.87	Japan v. Thailand	1-0 (1-0) Choi, Gil-Soo, Korea Republic
	Nepal v. China PR **	0-12 (0-4) M. Rhahee, LR Iran
1.10.87	Thailand v. Nepal	3-0 (0-0) S. Soedjendro, Indonesia
4.10.87	Nepal v. Thailand ***	1-2 (1-0) M.D. Umar, Indonesia
	China PR v. Japan	0-1 (0-1) M.B. Singh, Singapore
11.10.87	Thailand v. China PR	0-1 (0-1) F.T. Mustafa, Iraq
18.10.87	China PR v. Thailand	2-0 (2-0) J.A. Issa, Kuwait
26.10.87	Japan v. China PR	J. Al-Sharif, Syria
* match played in Tokyo		
** match played in Shenyang (China PR)		
*** match played in Bangkok		

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Final Round		
4.12.87	Saudi Arabia v Iraq	J.A.R. Mandi, Bahrain
	Qatar v. Kuwait	S Takada, Japan
11.12.87	Qatar v. Iraq	A Bash, Jordan
	qKuwait v. Saudi Arabia	S Hanasardjono, Indonesia
18.12.87	qSaudi Arabia v. Iraq	M.B. Singh, Singapore
	Saudi Arabia v. Qatar	F Al Bitar, Syria
1.1.88	Iraq v. Saudi Arabia *	
	Kuwait v. Qatar	
8.1.88	Iraq v. Qatar *	
	Saudi Arabia v. Kuwait	
15.1.88	Iraq v. Kuwait *	
	Qatar v. Saudi Arabia	
	* matches played in Muscat (Oman)	

CONCACAF

2nd round

Group A

5.9.87 USA v. Trinidad/Tobago	4-1 (1-0)	J. Chinchilla, Guatemala
20.9.87 Trinidad/Tobago v. USA	0-1 (0-0)	R. Paz Escoto, Honduras
18.10.87 El Salvador v. USA		D. Douglas, Canada
15.5.88 El Salvador v. Trin/Tob		
22/25		
5.88 USA v. El Salvador		
29.5.88 Trin/Tob v. El Salvador		

Expulsions:

Trinidad/Tobago v. USA, 20.9.87: USA, J. Stollmeyer (7)
Suspended for two matches: El Salvador v. USA (18.10.87) and USA v. El Salvador (22/25.8.88)

Group B

18.10.87 Guatemala v. Guyana		R. Osborne, Bermuda
25.10.87 Guyana v. Guatemala		C. Arrowsmith, Canada
2.12.87 Guyana v. Mexico		
12.12.87 Mexico v. Guyana		
3.2.88 Mexico v. Guatemala		
14.2.88 Guatemala v. Mexico		

OCEANIA

Group 1 — (Australia, Chinese Taipei, Papua New Guinea)

Papua New Guinea — withdrawal

15.11.87 Chin Taipei v. Australia		K. Wallace, New Zealand
29.11.87 Australia v. Chin Taipei		M. Singh, Fiji

Group 2 — (Fiji, New Zealand, Western Samoa)

Fiji — withdrawal

7.11.87 W. Samoa v. New Zeal.		Ch. Bambridge, Australia
13.11.87 New Zeal. v. W. Samoa		Yi-Fa Chow, Chinese Taipei

Qualified for the Final Tournament in Seoul: Brazil, Argentina, Korea Republic (as organiser)

Disciplinary Measures

Cautions (Yellow Cards)

2.9.87 Thailand v. Japan: 9 P. Pue-on (Thailand); 13 Y. Kurata (Japan)

15.9.87 Japan v. Nepal: 17 Y. Kuratu*, 11 T. Satoshi* (Japan); 4 P. Dharendra* (Nepal)
* two cautions — suspended for the next match Nepal v. Japan (18.9.87)

23.9.87 China PR v. Nepal: 5 X. Jia (China PR); 12 L. Jeevan; 2 S. Lok Bahadur (Nepal)

26.9.87 Japan v. Thailand: 16 Y. Kurata (Japan); 19 C. Sutin (Thailand)

26.9.87 Nepal v. China PR: 12 L. Jeevan (Nepal); two cautions — suspended for the next international "A" match

4.10.87 Nepal v. Thailand: 4 P. Dharendra (Nepal); 2 C. Surak (Thailand)

4.10.87 China PR v. Japan: 11 S. Tsumanji (Japan)

4.10.87 Ghana v. Cameroon: 3 A. Kwabena (Ghana); 4 B. Musang; 2 A. Kana (Cameroon)

4.10.87 Zimbabwe v. Nigeria: 15 S. Tauru; 10 W. Mashinkad (Zimbabwe); 3 O. Bright; 4 A. Fata (Nigeria)



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Preliminary Competition

EUROPE

Group A (Germany FR, Poland, Romania, Denmark, Greece)

22.9.87 Germany FR v. Greece	3-0 (1-0)	D. Colic, Yugoslavia
13.10.87 Germany FR v. Poland	5-1 (4-1)	I. van Swieten, Holland

next match:

28.10.87 Poland v. Denmark		Ph. Mercier, Switzerland
18.11.87 Denmark v. Germany FR		L. Hartmann, Hungary
2.12.87 Greece v. Poland		C. Longhi, Italy
12.12.87 Greece v. Germany FR		A. Spirin, USSR

Cautions: Denmark v. Romania: Romania, M. Zsolt (8); S. Dorin (4).

Group B (Italy, German Democratic Republic, Portugal, Netherlands, Iceland)

22.9.87 GDR v. Netherlands	4-2 (2-2)	K. Rothlisberger, Switzerland
7.10.87 Portugal v. Iceland	2-1 (1-0)	Y. Namoglu, Turkey

next match:

18.11.87 Italy v. GDR		M. van Langenhove, Belgium
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Group C (France, Hungary, Spain, Sweden, Ireland Rep.)

23.9.87 Sweden v. Spain	2-0 (0-0)	D. Krchnak, Czechoslovakia
14.10.87 Spain v. France	1-2 (1-0)	J. Kircunescu, Romania

next matches:

18.11.87 Ireland Rep. v. France		S. Kirschen, GDR
18.11.87 Spain v. Hungary		G.B. Smith, Scotland

Cautions: France v. Ireland Rep.: France, M. Dib (8); J. Paillard (6); Ireland Rep., P. Dootin (7), P. Eccles (5).
Ireland Rep. v. Sweden: Ireland Rep., H. Kenny (2); Sweden, L. Forsberg (11), O. Svensson (4).
Sweden v. Spain: Spain, F. Llorente Gento (7).

Group D (Norway, USSR, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Turkey)

7.10.87 Switzerland v. Turkey	2-0 (1-0)	P. Bergamo, Italy
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next match:

28.10.87 Switzerland v. USSR		J.B. Worrall, England
14.11.87 Bulgaria v. Norway		C. Kapsos, Cyprus
18.11.87 Turkey v. Norway		O. Ben Itzhak, Israel
9.12.87 Turkey v. Bulgaria		H. Brummeier, Austria

Cautions: Switzerland v. Turkey: Switzerland, U. Bamert (4); Turkey, O. Kapucu (14) *

Group E (Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Belgium, Finland)

23.9.87 Czechoslovakia v. Finland	2-0 (1-0)	Ch. Gilson, Luxembourg
24.9.87 Belgium v. Yugoslavia	2-2 (1-0)	F. Gaechter, Switzerland
7.10.87 Belgium v. Czechoslovakia	0-2 (0-1)	K. Hope, Scotland

next matches:

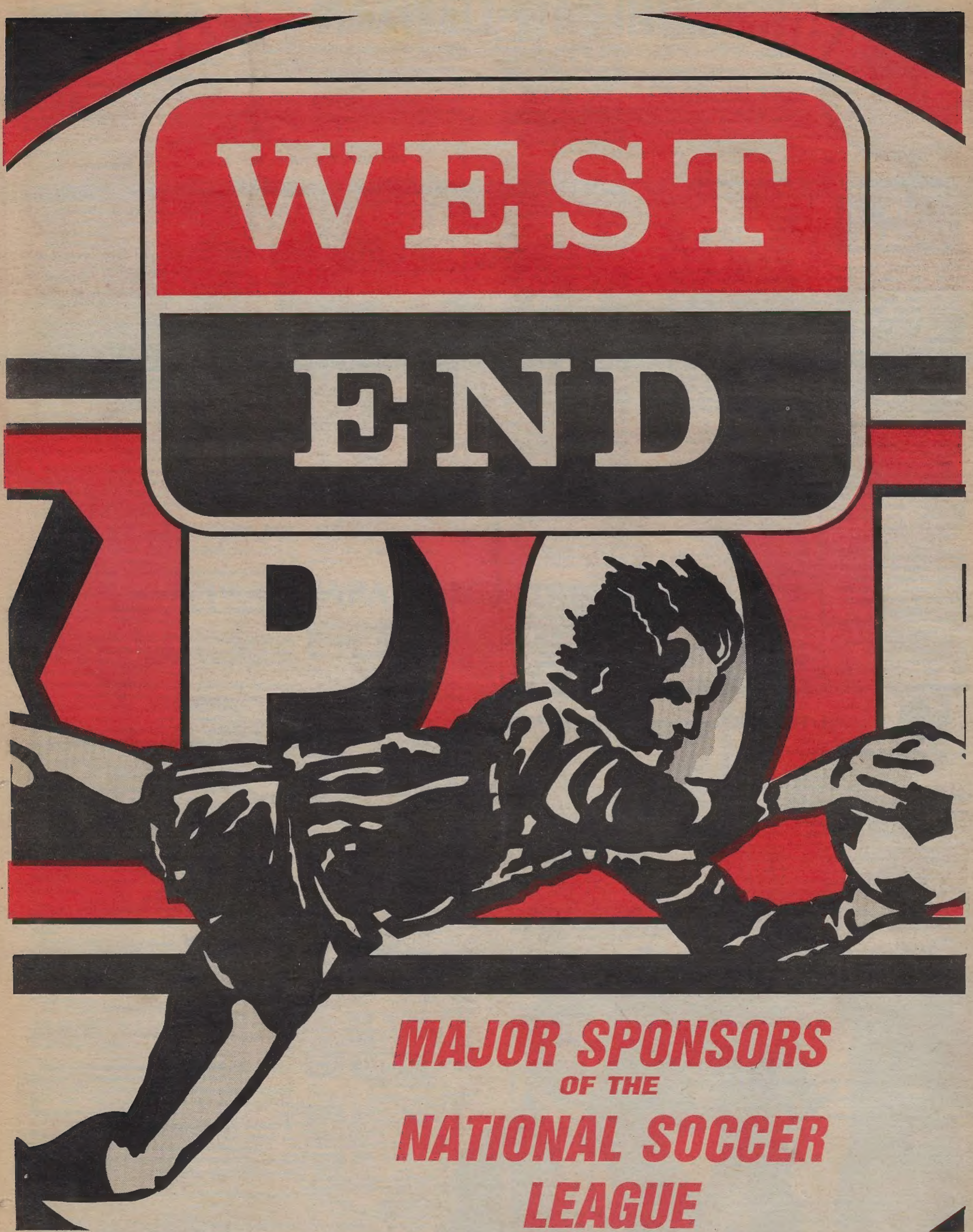
28.10.87 Belgium v. Finland		E. Azzopardi, Malta
28.10.87 Czechoslovakia v. Yugoslavia		J.M. Lartigot, France
11.11.87 Austria v. Belgium		B. Hill, England
2.12.87 Yugoslavia v. Belgium		W. Foelckler, Germany FR

Cautions: Czechoslovakia v. Finland: Czechoslovakia, M. Janu (6); Finland, J. Rinne (7)*.
Belgium v. Yugoslavia: Belgium, P. Albert (3); Yugoslavia, V. Kasalo (6).

* 2nd caution, suspended for the next match of the Olympic Football Tournament

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